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## New home for social care hub

BRIDPORT'S new community 'hub' now looks set to be built on the site of the Fisherman's Arms day centre, after county council bosses scrapped their initial plans for the facility.

Social care leaders changed their minds on the location of the hub, after uncovering problems with the preferred site – currently owned by Wessex Water – behind the library.

Council bosses now say it is likely that the facility, which could also incorporate Citizens Advice services in the future, will be built at the Fisherman's Arms in

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South Street instead. A detailed survey of the site will be carried out over the next few weeks, with the first designs for the building to be unveiled in March.

The hub building is set to transform the way adult social care services are delivered in the Bridport area, replacing outdated buildings like the Sidney Gale care home, which the council has decided is "unfit for purpose".

Users of the home have been told they will not be left without support before the new hub is up and running, but the council is intending to sell off Sidney Gale, with supported accommodation provided at the new site instead.

Councillor Jill Haynes, DCC's cabinet member for adult social care, said careful consideration had gone into selecting the best location for the hub.

"We have listened to local residents and people who use our services, who asked for a site that was central to town," she said.

"The area of Fisherman's Arms certainly fulfils a lot of the criteria and we look forward to working with the local community on these exciting developments."

The council has set aside £4.7m to pay for the delivery of social care services in Bridport, particularly covering day services and care for older people.

The measures are designed to help people stay healthy and live independently in the community for as long as possible, it says.

A survey of the initial preferred site revealed the potential for "major problems" with the amount of traffic coming in and out of the site, and there were also concerns that the number of listed buildings nearby would limit its flexibility.

Now the council is pressing ahead with its second choice location at Fisherman's Arms and will conduct similar investigations to make sure the site is appropriate.

Updating Bridport town councillors in the autumn, Councillor Haynes said that supported housing at the new hub would act as a "halfway place" for service users, enabling them to live independently but be close to social care services when needed.

She also said Bridport would have an "exceptionally strong case" for funds generated from the sale of Sidney Gale to be poured back into the community.

The money will go straight into a county council pot for various departments to 'bid' for, but Councillor Haynes has said Bridport would have "high priority" to get the money back.

It has also been suggested that the hub itself could incorporate library and Citizens Advice services on top of its social care provision.

And Councillor Haynes now says the Citizens' Advice Bureau is close to agreeing arrangements to become a part of the new community facility.

She said: "We will be liaising closely with CAB on the next stage of the development and hope they will be moving into the new hub once it's built."

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**HEATHER and Peter Foster's voices will be known to thousands who have visited a local hospital over the years.**

**For almost half a century they have been behind the microphone in Weymouth, Dorchester and even Bournemouth.**

**Many will have seen Peter whispering into a microphone at most of the county town's bigger events, bringing "the outside in" for patients.**

**Others will know the couple for their involvement in the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust – the couple can often be found running the station at Harman's Cross on the Swanage Steam Railway.**

● **YOU were both brought up in Dorchester.**

**Peter was a Thomas Hardy Pupil and Heather at St Genevieve's. Where did your paths first cross?**

**Heather:** We were working in the health service as clerical officers at the time, in the NHS Executive Council for Dorset, which was then in High West Street in the building now occupied by the Nationwide Building Society. Peter cornered me in the cloakroom and asked me out. We had a few trips out and about but it wasn't long before he invited me along to hospital radio which then became a regular feature in our lives.

● **HOW did the interest in hospital radio start?**

**Peter:** I have always loved radio, from Children's Hour and the Toy Town Plays. I saw an advert for volunteers to join the new hospital radio at Dorchester County Hospital, when it was in Princes Street. I applied and a man came to see me at home with a large ferrograph tape recorder and asked me to read a request out, which didn't go too well; then I read some news items which he quite liked and after that a formal letter was sent asking me to come along for some trial sessions and training. I've been doing it virtually every day since then.

● **AND has it always been at Dorchester?**

**Peter:** Mostly, but we were at Weymouth Hospital from 1968 to 73; Bedside in Bournemouth from 1973 to 86 and for a short spell at Herrison.

**Heather:** It was usually Dorchester on Wednesdays and Thursdays after I became involved and Bournemouth at the weekends. We are both keen on classical music so we would also go along to various societies as well, and then he got me interested in railways as well through the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust! We've been involved with that formally since 1981 and have been running the Dorchester group since 1987. We started as volunteers with the Swanage Steam Railway in the mid-1980s when they were looking for more helpers. We always seemed to be busy.

● **WHAT skills do you both bring to the things you do?**

**Peter:** Heather's far more technically minded than I am and she's taught me a lot about computing. She's also vital for what we do as she drives and I don't. It was just something I never got around to.

**Heather:** I like to dabble in things and try and keep up to date – although I've never seen the point of Twitter.

It took us a while to get a mobile phone, but I got one before Peter... and he still can't text!

● **WHAT have been the highlights of your times behind the microphone?**

**Peter:** We always love going up to London for the Mayor's Show. This year was one of the best ever, and the Royal events are always lovely. At the 50th anniversary of the Coronation I was stood commentating and Glenda Jackson was just behind me. I wondered if I should talk to her, but decided I would and she chatted for quite a while, which was amazing. Overall all sorts of people have been generally very cooperative over the years and the Dorchester area is such a good place for event.

**Heather:** More often than not we find ourselves with more to do than hands available to do them.

● **DO to pair of you ever get a day off. I hear you were working on Christmas Day?**

**Peter:** Very rarely. Christmas Day is usually one of our longest days. This year we were in from 10am until 6pm, but we did have a pre-recorded programme in the middle of the day so we found time for lunch in the Dammers Restaurant. We'd recorded the morning service at St Peter's and Heather edited it for broadcast in the afternoon. The Mayor came in during the morning; we had a Weymouth lunchtime concert and 'Carols by Train' which we had pre-recorded at Swanage with other volunteers, the Wareham Town Band in the luggage van and carols from the platform.

● **HAS the station changed much over the years?**

**Heather:** Technology has made our job easier when it's working alright, but when it goes wrong life can get a little tricky... there's no wind-up back up these days we can turn to if things go wrong, but overall there has been very few occasions when we have been forced off the air. Having said that our computers now need new hard-drives and the mixing desk is getting to the end of its life so we will need to find the money, from somewhere, for replacements.



Peter: And just at the moment we've got a very strong team of around 25 volunteers, including a few outstanding youngsters, one of which is about to start a BBC engineering apprenticeship, although it's fair to say most of us are in the older age-bracket.

● **SO does that mean you will be planning your retirement?**

**Heather:** Peter has been saying he'll retire from this at 40 years, at 45 years and so on, so we'll wait and see.

**Peter:** It will be the 50th anniversary of hospital radio in Dorchester in September 2016 and I have said that the time I will be out of the door.

● **AND would the pair of you find enough to do if you did stop?**

**Peter:** We've got plenty to do. There's always the railway, the recorded music society, an archive of cuttings and I've started writing a book about my 50 years in broadcasting although I'm not sure anyone much would want to read it.

**Heather:** I dabble in many things but I've been doing a family history for many years, which is fascinating, and I've often thought I could make a career out of it.

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# Huge challenges ahead, says council's new boss

WEST Dorset District Council will face "huge financial challenges" in the future as it continues to meet cost-cutting targets enforced by the government, the authority's new leader has warned.

Councillor Anthony Alford, a representative for the Netherbury ward between Bridport and Beaminster, said all strands of local government

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would have to tackle "big changes" but that he believes the council is ready to meet the challenge.

Councillor Alford took over the role after winning the backing of members at a meeting in Dorchester on Thursday.

A long-serving rep-

resentative, with over a decade of experience on the district authority, Councillor Alford replaces outgoing leader Robert Gould, who has taken on the top job at Dorset County Council.

After he was confirmed as the council's new boss last week, Councillor Alford said he was pleased to accept the position.

He said: "Local government is going through some big changes and will continue to face huge financial challenges in the future.

"I'm confident we can continue to successfully face these challenges head on.

"I would also like to thank Robert Gould for his years of service to the role and wish him the best as leader of the county council," he added.

Councillor Alford, a Conservative, has represented the Netherbury ward since 2003

and has chaired the council's executive committee for the last eight years.

Outgoing leader Robert Gould stood down last week to concentrate on his new role at the helm of the county council, following the resignation of former boss Spencer Flower, who faces a court trial in April over his failure to declare personal interests in planning matters.

Councillor Gould said it had been an "immense privilege" to head the district authority over the last ten years and that he was looking forward to fresh challenges at county level.

He said he was particularly proud of efforts to improve the council's efficiency by working in partnership with colleagues in

Weymouth and Portland, and North Dorset. I'm very sorry to be stepping down as district council leader.

"It has been an immense privilege to

lead the council since 2004," he said.

"We have achieved so much but the main focus has been to ensure sound financial management and to

keep our share of the council tax low."

He added: "I'm delighted that Tony Alford is the new leader

as he has all the necessary experience and ability to take the council forward in challenging times."

## Last chance for school places

PARENTS are being given a final reminder to apply for their child's reception school place, with the deadline due to pass tomorrow (Thursday, January 15th).

Children born between September 1st 2010 and August 31st 2011 should be registered to start school this year, and Dorset County Council is warning parents who have not yet applied that they may lose out on a place at their preferred school.

Councillor Toni Coombs, cabinet member for education, said: "Starting school is a major milestone in a child's life and I cannot stress enough how important it is that families apply on time."

All the information, including an online application form, is available at [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions)

## Asker Nature Reserve AGM

MEMBERS of the Asker Nature Reserve Project will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, January 22nd.

The meeting will take place at 6.30pm in Bridport Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.



**NEW LEADER** | Councillor Anthony Alford

## Model railway exhibition

MEMBERS of the Bridport and District Model Railway Club are holding a model railway exhibition this weekend in Beaminster.

There will be a variety of layouts in different scales with trade stands selling both new and sec-

ond hand model railway products.

The exhibition takes place in Beaminster Public Hall on Saturday, January 17th from 10am to 4pm and refreshments will be available during the day.

## Waste pick-up scheme to boost recycling rates

A NEW waste management scheme, designed to boost recycling rates across Dorset, will be rolled out in Bridport this summer, **writes JACK DIXON.**

Changes to bin collection services are set to take effect in July and will apply to around 19,000 households in Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis.

The Dorset Waste Partnership says the initiative, already active elsewhere in the county, has helped to lift recycling rates above 60 per cent in Dorset – among the highest in the UK.

And bosses are launching an information campaign to encourage residents to recycle more of their waste when the scheme is rolled out later this year.

"This is our fifth and final phase of rolling out the 'Recycle for Dorset' service," said Steve Burdis, director of the Dorset Waste Partnership.

"The results so far have been excellent, with big increases in recycling, reductions in landfill waste and higher levels of customer satisfaction."

Under the new initiative, recyclable items will be collected fortnightly in a large wheelie bin and a smaller box for glass only.

General rubbish will also be picked

up once a fortnight, with food waste collected weekly.

From July, the changes will affect Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis, as well as the surrounding parishes of Bradpole, Broadwindsor, Charmouth, Chideock, Symondsbury, Netherbury, Lodgers, the Marshwood Vale and parts of Burton Bradstock.

A series of roadshows have been planned to inform residents about the new service, with two events taking place in Bridport next month.

Council staff will be in Morrisons on Thursday, February 5th, between 10am and 1pm, and in Bucky Doo Square on Saturday, February 21st, between 9am and 1pm.

Mr Burdis added: "We are giving residents the chance to find out more and asking them to contact us before February 26th about their household's needs so that we can deliver the right containers before July.

"Any change to such an important service as waste collections can take time to get used to.

"I would encourage residents to read their information, check our website and come to a roadshow to see how it will work for them."

For more information about the changes, visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset)

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# Good will group offered land for community project

A GROUP working to better the lives of people in Bridport have been offered green spaces to embark on a gardening project.

Members of 'For Goodness Sake', a group that hopes to embark on a range of projects to benefit the community, have been offered an acre of land in Bridport and space at Bridport Community Allotments to start their garden project.

They hope to eventually supply local schools with food for free and to help families in the area that are struggling.

Matt Sparrow, a member of the group leading the gardening project, said: "We have been offered a space in Bridport Community Allotments and an acre of land in the outskirts of Bridport and lots of other great things are happening.

"We want to start a gardening project to look to eventually supplying food to local schools for free and food to people struggling in the community. This is our main focus at the moment."

The group, which was set up in October last year, has had a great reaction from Bridport residents with their Facebook page, For Goodness Sake, receiving hundreds of members in a matter of weeks.

And organisers are keen to have as many people involved in the different projects as possible.

Jonathan Scott, who came up with the idea of the group, said: "There is an open feeling to the group where people feel free to enter with no obligation.

"We have had a good response with 340 members on Facebook in two months and in the last two weeks we have linked up with others doing similar projects."

For Goodness Sake has even captured the attention of Robert Golden from the HOME in Bridport project.

HOME in Bridport partnered with Transition Town Bridport last year to develop the garden at St Mary's Primary School to be able to grow their own fruit and vegetables and are also working alongside Alexander Road Community Garden Group to improve areas of the Skilling estate.

Mr Golden said: "HOME in Bridport tries to create a network of everybody who is trying to support the town and care for the community and with each other we can think of better ways.

"What they are doing is similar to what we are doing so it is a natural integration."

Organisers are unsure of the exact plans after the gardening project but they have lots of ideas in the pipeline.

Mr Scott added: "The project has natural mo-

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mentum and I have a personal feeling that there is dignity and decency to the human heart so wherever that takes us we will go.

"The next step is to arrange dates for everyone to get together and plan, we want many people involved."

To keep up to date with what the group is doing search 'For Goodness Sake' on Facebook.

## First bus fare changes

FIRST have increased the price of some of their single and return fares across Dorset.

The revisions came into place on January 10th but the First Week and First Month tickets remaining unchanged.

A return from Bridport to Weymouth will now cost £6 with a single fare costing £5.

Journeys to Lyme Regis and Axminster from Bridport have also increased with a single fare to Lyme Regis costing £4 and a return costing £5, and a single fare to Axminster costing £5 and a return at £6.

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## Car fire deliberate

POLICE believe a car destroyed in a fire in Bridport last week was deliberately set alight by arsonists.

Retained firefighters attended the scene on St Swithins Road late last Tuesday evening (January 6th), after 18 people phoned in to report the blaze.

The car was found well alight when crews arrived at around 11:30pm and officers extinguished the blaze within a matter of minutes.

However, the vehicle was completely destroyed and investigators later confirmed that the fire had been started deliberately.

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# Met office warns of snow and ice

BRIDPORT was bracing itself last night for the impact of severe weather, as forecasters issued warnings for snow and ice overnight.

Experts were predicting between three and six centimetres of snow across large parts of the South West, with further warnings in place for today (Wednesday).

The Met Office has urged drivers to be aware of "tricky conditions" on the roads, with snow likely to be heavy and produce a thick covering in places.

Up to 80mm of rain could fall today with gusts of 75mph also likely in coastal areas, the Met Office warns.

"Showers of hail, sleet and snow on Tuesday evening and overnight are likely to leave a covering of snow of three to six centimetres in places, especially on ground over 100 metres, but also locally to lower levels too," an official Met Office weather warning read.

"Icy patches will also form on untreated surfaces and the public should be aware of the risk of tricky driving conditions."

A chief forecaster explained

that a low pressure system was expected to move in towards the UK from the Atlantic, with a cold airstream spreading across the area on Tuesday evening.

The process could mean rain showers falling as snow, with hail, lightning and gusty winds also posing a threat to coastal areas.

Experts were also warning of the potential for heavy rain to cause standing water and an increased risk of localised flooding in some areas.

A spokesperson for the Met Office said on Monday: "There is some uncertainty over how much snow will settle at low levels, and many places may

miss the snow altogether.

"However, where snow does occur it is likely to be heavy and produce a covering quite quickly."

Both the Environment Agency and Dorset County Council have made preparations for more severe weather this year, following prolonged storms throughout last winter.

The Environment Agency says it has already completed a record number of repairs to flood defences damaged last year.

It has also made a series of reinforcements and revisions to its systems designed to keep communities protected.

## Sunday afternoon power cut hits 1,000 residents

MORE than 1,000 people in Bridport were without power on Sunday afternoon, due to an underground cable fault.

The majority of residents had their power restored within a matter of minutes but some had to wait for around an hour

before the problem was resolved.

Western Power Distribution apologised for any inconvenience caused during the blackout, which affected customers between around 4:30pm and 5:20pm on Sunday.

## Two injured in stabbing

ONE man remains in hospital and another has sustained injuries, following a suspected stabbing in Bridport at the weekend.

Police believe a knife was drawn during an altercation between three men on Saturday afternoon, with two of the individuals suffering stab wounds.

The incident happened at around 4.20pm on Saturday

(January 13th) outside in the street near Church Close.

All three men involved – a 51-year-old and a 46-year-old from Beaminster and a 54-year-old from Bridport – were arrested and are currently assisting officers with their enquiries.

A police spokesperson said: "Police were called at 4:21pm on Saturday to reports of an altercation near Church Close

in Bridport, between three men.

"Two of these men sustained injuries, one of which was consistent with being stabbed. One man remains in hospital receiving treatment."

Witnesses and anyone with information about the incident are urged to contact Dorset Police on 101, quoting incident number 10:319 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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# Amsafe strikes deal with Danish military



AmSafe's Neal McKeever (bottom right) and Matthew Chuter (top right) with Danish military officials in Ballerup recently

ONE of Bridport's best-known firms has been awarded a major contract to supply military equipment to the Danish armed forces.

AmSafe, which specialises in the design and manufacture of complex military systems, will work with bosses at the Danish Defence Acquisition and Logistics Organisation (DALO) over the next seven years to fit out a fleet of vehicles with its unique armour system.

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The advanced technology offers protection against rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) threats and will improve vehicle reliability in all terrains and environments.

Developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence (MOD), the 'Tarian' system is already fitted to a range of

British military vehicles and was first deployed operationally in Afghanistan in 2009.

The deal is a landmark for the Bridport-based company, whose executives say they are "delighted" to have won the contract, following an extensive 12-month bidding process.

Neal McKeever, sales and marketing director at AmSafe Bridport, said: "Combat vehicles have an increased need for high performance, lightweight, cost-effective RPG armour that can restore a vehicle's performance and improve crew safety.

"Therefore, AmSafe Bridport is delighted to be selected to supply the Tarian system to the Danish armed forces."

Formed in 1979, the company is regarded as a world leader in its field, and the specialist Tarian armour has been found to be the lightest of its kind available.

AmSafe, which is also a major provider for some of the world's biggest aeroplane firms, made headlines last year when it sealed a £10 million contract to supply a helicopter transport system to the French military.

# Roadshow raise obesity awareness

LOCAL consultants for Cambridge Weight Plan have visited Bridport and are travelling around Dorset as part of National Obesity Awareness Week.

The weight loss programme is a partner of the campaign and aims to put the obesity problem in the national spotlight and to promote positive change.

Jodie Martinez, Bridport Cambridge Weight Plan consultant, said: "We are going around towns for National Obesity Week trying to advise people on their next step towards weight loss and to not scare them.

"They can also come into the Bridport centre for a one-to-one appointment and a chat, it is really good and all confiden-

tial. We are also taking donations for Dorchester County Hospital."

They are also offering a body composition scan to measure muscle mass, cell condition, health risks and bones. The Bridport Centre is based at 26-28 West Street.

For more information about Cambridge Weight Plan email jodie\_cambridge@outlook.com



JODIE Martinez and Jon-Paul McClimonds, Bridport Cambridge Weight Plan consultants, and Rose Woodward, Dorchester Cambridge Weight Plan consultant

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# Calling all Dorset's talented residents

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LOCAL talent competition Dorset's Got Talent is back this year and organisers are looking for the next best thing to come out of Dorset.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust has teamed up with Freshwater Beach Holiday Park and people of all ages with any talent are being encouraged to register for auditions.

Singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, comedians, animal acts – the judges want to see it all – and all are invited to show off their talent in a competition exclusive to Dorset residents.

Last year's winner was 13-year-old Annabel Davies who wowed the judges and audience with her version of 'Titanium'.

Since winning, Annabel has performed to thousands of people across Dorset and made it through to the grand final of the National Open Mic competition in November last year.

Event organiser Matt Smith said: "Last year's competition was incredible. There was such a variety of acts and the standard was incredible."

"Since winning last year, Annabel has performed to thousands of local people and showcased why she deserved to win the competition. It just shows how competitions such as Dorset's Got Talent can really offer a platform to inspiring performers."

"The best bit of this competition is that it is only open to Dorset residents and you can enter with any act, it doesn't just have to be singers or dancers, we want to see it all."

This year, prizes up for grabs include £500 cash, donated by Hive Beach Café, a family holiday at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park and a guaranteed performance at the Dorset 2015 festival.

So if you think you have what it takes to wow



Weldmar's Ros Ware, Katie Slade, Matt Smith and Dr Paul Baker are encouraging people of Dorset to enter this year's Dorset's Got Talent

the panel of judges, book an audition slot online for Saturday, February 7th, Sunday, February 8th, Saturday, February 21st or Sunday, February 22nd at Freshwater Holiday Park in Burton Bradstock.

And as well as finding a local star, Dorset's Got Talent will be raising money for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and an independent charity in Dorset.

Mr Smith added: "All the proceeds from this event will go towards funding the care, love and support that Weldmar provides to patients and their loved ones across Dorset."

"Money will be raised in various ways throughout the competition including audience ticket

sales, entrance fee of auditionees and the all-important voting element.

"Last year over £5,000 was raised for Weldmar and we hope that we can top that this year."

The semi-finals will be on Saturday 28th February and Saturday, March 7th with the grand final taking place on Saturday, March 21st.

During the semi-finals, audience members will vote for their favourite performance at £1 per vote.

The acts with the highest number of votes, and the judges' choice, will then be invited to perform in the grand final.

Visit [www.weld-hospice.org.uk/talent](http://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/talent) or call 01305 261800 to register.

## CAB open morning

THE Bridport and District Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) are holding an open morning for anyone interested in volunteering.

People can find out more about volunteering opportunities at the bureau and what the roles involve, with a view to starting the next volunteering training course from February 17th.

Bridport and District CAB is a charity that helps a large number of people each year in Bridport, Lyme Regis, Beaminster and the surrounding areas.

They provide advice to help people solve a wide range of problems ranging from debt and homelessness to family and consumer issues, and are staffed by trained volunteers.

The open morning is on Tuesday, January 20th from 10am at the Bridport and District CAB office, 45 South Street.

## Wassailing at community orchard

THE seventh annual Wassailing event takes place at Bridport Community Orchard this weekend.

The ceremony is an old tradition to bless the new year and encourage a good crop of apples.

Wyld Morris singers and musicians will lead the event round the fire and visitors are encouraged to bring tin cans, drums and instruments to make a big noise.

West Milton Cider will be on sale along with hot or cold community orchard apple juice.

The event starts at 3pm in Bridport Community Orchard, behind St Mary's Church on South Street. It is free and everyone is welcome.

Members of Bridport Community Orchard are holding their AGM on January 28th at 7:30pm in Bridport Town Hall and it is open to everyone.

For more information visit [www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk](http://www.bridportcommunityorchard.org.uk)

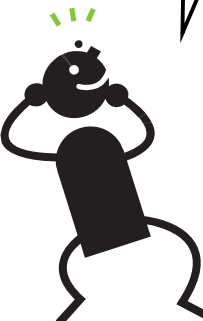


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# NHS 'needs to change' say commissioners

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HEALTH bosses have announced plans for sweeping changes to services across the county, with the NHS in Dorset facing a shortfall of up to £200m over the next five years.

The Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which is responsible for planning and arranging healthcare for patients, has unveiled a 'case for change' to tackle what it describes as a "growing financial challenge".

Precise details of how services will change have not yet been released, but the CCG is carrying out an extensive review of the way healthcare is delivered.

Its 'case for change' document reveals a long list of pressures on NHS services which, the CCG says, it "cannot continue" to deliver in the same way.

According to its projections, the overall population will pass 800,000 with the number of people in Dorset over 70 expected to rise by almost a third by 2023, bringing with it an increase in the kinds of chronic illnesses that come with

longevity, like diabetes and dementia.

One striking aspect is that life expectancy varies by over 11 years between men living in the more deprived and more prosperous areas.

The report also revealed that more than half the patients currently admitted to community hospitals could, instead, be treated, cared for and supported at home.

A further third could be nursed in their own home, helping to maintain their independence.

And services are already unable to cope with the demand for emergency surgery, with the county's three acute hospitals sometimes falling below national quality standards because surgeons don't always have enough patients to maintain specialist skills.

The CCG's report also reveals that the number of stroke patients receiving a potentially life-saving brain scan within an hour is 10 per cent lower

than the national average, while the quality of care, particularly with cancer treatment, varies.

There is similar variation in the quality of general practice throughout the area.

And in the field of mental health, while services are generally good, in some areas there is insufficient support provided to patients outside working hours, and there are not enough services for children with mental health conditions.

"The evidence we have gathered on the current picture of healthcare shows that most patients currently receive good care in Dorset, but there is too much variation, both against national standards and within Dorset itself," said Dr Forbes Watson, chairman of the CCG.

"In addition, we know our population is changing and getting older, and that brings new health demands we need to meet."

Access to NHS serv-

ices is a particular problem in West Dorset, according to the report, where one in four people do not have an easy public transport link to an acute hospital – more than double the number in other parts of the county.

And the group found that more than half the patients in Dorset are turning up at hospitals with only minor conditions that could be handled at home.

The report also highlights the need for seven-day consultant cover, particularly in maternity units, and warns that one in eight Dorset residents will suffer from heart disease and one in ten will suffer from diabetes by 2020. The CCG claims there is a "compelling case" for services to adapt to changing needs that "cannot continue to be delivered in the same way."



■ DR Forbes Watson, chairman of the Dorset CCG

Alongside the need to provide effective services for patients, the NHS in Dorset also faces a predicted shortfall – the gap between its income and its expenditure – of between £167m and £200m.

Dr Watson added: "The money we have to secure healthcare for local people is not increasing at the same rate as rising costs and demand."

"We want to make sure we are putting resources where they will give the best return and the maximum health gain for Dorset's population."

## Are council mergers harming staff health?

MORE than 70 staff have left West Dorset District Council since the partnership started with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, with fears for the health of those who remain.

In 2012-13 a total of 41 staff left, 7.4 percent of the total, representing 33 voluntary retirements and eight redundancies.

In 2013-14 the figures were 33, made up of 25 retirements and eight redundancies.

Retiring council leader Robert Gould said in a statement at his last meeting as leader in Dorchester that the staff were leaving the authority because of an upturn in the private sector rather than as a response to the changes taking place at the authority.

Liberal Democrats questioned the rationale offered by the council leader: "We know that this has been a period of extreme stress for staff, with many having received changes to their pay grades and their wages, and we are concerned that the forthcoming merger with North Dorset will heighten the pressure," said Dorchester councillor Stella Jones, Liberal Democrat group leader.

And Councillor Ros Kayes, from Bridport said: "Staff in an organisation are the oil which makes the machine run smoothly."



■ COUNCILLOR Stella Jones, Liberal Democrat leader

"When staff are worried, experiencing stress or increased workload, their health suffers, as does that of the organisation."

"It is no accident that many staff are leaving and opting for a role in the private sector. Morale is not good and it is our duty to look after the wellbeing of our employees."

"We have called again and again for proper support for staff in what will be yet another series of service reviews, the third in six years."

"We would still like to see concrete proposals for supporting staff through these changes from the new chief executive, and, despite repeated requests we have had no such commitment."

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# Community comes together for West Bay beach clean-up

MORE than 50 people volunteered their time on Sunday (January 11th) and collected 36 kilos of rubbish for the first West Bay community beach clean of the year.

Organised by members of Litter Free Coast and Sea, a campaign to help reduce marine and beach litter along the Dorset and East Devon coast, and West Bay Community Forum, the beach clean encourages members of the community to help keep their coast tidy.

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And 52 volunteers, including children and local dog warden Stuart Hendry, helped clear West Beach of rope, netting and litter.

Sandy Jones, volunteer West Bay beach clean coordinator, said: "It is brilliant to see everyone turn out keen to clean the beach, it is the first one of 2015.

"We had 52 participants who collected a massive 36 kilos of rubbish and we left a beautifully clean beach behind.

"It is a real credit to all those people for caring enough about the area to turn out on a chilly Sunday morning and thank you to Park Dean for supplying coffee afterwards."

The group are doing four beach cleans at West Bay this year and

storm response cleans when it is safe to do so.

The next beach clean at West Bay will be on Sunday, April 26th as part of The Great Dorset Beach Clean campaign.

For more information visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/litter-free-coast](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/litter-free-coast) or visit the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/LitterFreeCoastandSea](http://www.facebook.com/LitterFreeCoastandSea)

**■ AROUND 52 people offered their time to clean the beach and collected 32 kilos of rub -**



**■ VOLUNTEERS Mike Nicks and Andrew Kearley took to West Bay on Sunday to clear West Beach of litter**

## Sabrina to run for mum-in-law

OSTEOPOROSIS affects half of women and one in five men over the age of 50.

The condition makes bones brittle and prone to break after a minor bump or fall, and whilst there is no cure the National Osteoporosis Society can help people learn to manage the condition.

Sabrina Patten is running the London Marathon on April 26th to help raise money for people like her mother-in-law Barbara Patten who suffers from the condition.

Sabrina, who is married to Bridport born Tim Patten, lives in Bristol and has already completed in a number of full and half-marathons around the country, and would like to highlight what is a fairly common problem among older people.

Retired Barbara does voluntary work both in the Cancer Research shop in East Street as well as The Local History Centre in Gundry Lane, Bridport, and is the wife of Philip Patten who was a well-known postman around West Dorset for many years.

If you would like to support the National Osteoporosis Society, you can sponsor Sabrina by visiting [www.justgiving.com/sabrina-patten](http://www.justgiving.com/sabrina-patten) or contact Barbara or Phil on 01308 425744.

● Barbara is also running a bring and buy coffee morning to raise additional funds at St Mary's Church House in South Street, Bridport on Saturday, January 24th between 10.30-12.30pm. Entrance is free.

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# 'Eight hundred years after the Magna Carta – democracy is dead in West Dorset'

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A PACKED public meeting has called for the end of the cabinet system at West Dorset District Council.

The meeting heard that, under the current cabinet system a handful of Conservatives make all the decisions, leaving remaining councillors with little, or no, opportunity to change or challenge decisions.

"Eight hundred years after Magna Carta democracy is dead in West Dorset," Dorchester Independent councillor Alistair Chisholm told the 270 people at the Corn Exchange.

The Conservatives declined to send a speaker to the meeting and afterwards declined to comment on its outcome. West Dorset MP Oliver Letwin said he was unable to appear.

But former Conservative district councillor Fred Horsington, who was persuaded onto the platform from the back of the hall towards the end of the meeting, said that if any other party were in the Conservative position, they too would do the same. His candour was booed my many at the meeting.

John Grantham, from Burton Bradstock, who arranged the gathering in the name of Public First, said that, at the last election, the Conservatives received less than half the vote yet held more than two-thirds of the West Dorset District Council seats and all of the cabinet positions.

"It is a great deal of responsibility in the hands of a few... a lot of what goes on is not advertised and things are kept very,



■ JOHN Grantham addresses the meeting

very quiet."

Afterwards he described the meeting as a 'landmark event.'

"This meeting arose out of frustration with

the impenetrable and anti-democratic nature of the West Dorset District Council cabinet form of government, where the

majority Conservative party holds 67 per cent of the seats, based on just 43 per cent of the vote, but then through cabinet appointments translates this into 100 per cent of the cabinet positions, essentially excluding all other political points of view."

Chaired by human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith, the meeting discussed how, under a unitary system, around 242 councillors county-wide might be cut back to 100, with massive financial savings.

Said Mr Grantham: "Towards the end, brief contributions from representatives invited from the Green Party, Labour, Lib Dems and UKIP were welcomed, and all agreed with the clear sense of the public's view at the meeting that WDDC should move to a committee, and potentially unitary, system of local government.

"In perhaps the starkest illustration of the need

for greater democratic responsiveness, not one of the eight senior Tories individually invited to attend appeared."

A small committee will now consider whether it is feasible to use the law to hold a public referendum to force the council to move from the cabinet to a committee system, as operated by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council. Other meetings may also be held across the district with a further call for public debate on adopting a unitary system.

Former district council officer David Oliver told the meeting that since the mid-1980s West Dorset had moved to the cabinet system where he said: "Decisions are made in pre-meetings and then voted on *en bloc*... it seems rather pointless for us to elect 50-plus councillors when the decisions are made by six."

Alistair Chisholm said the set up was an outrage to democracy, and telling that the Conservatives



■ ALISTAIR Chisholm puts his views



■ FRED Horsington, the only Conservative to take to the platform

had declined invitations to attend: "What do these people have to hide?"

"Why are they absent this evening? What ar-

rogance. We need to change this system.

"Eight hundred years after Magna Carta we still haven't got democracy in West Dorset."

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## Landmark meeting on democracy

■ THERE was a landmark event at Dorchester Corn Exchange Hall on January 7th, drawing 270 people and 250 voted on propositions to improve democracy.

This was a meeting rather in the spirit of Athenian democracy, with participants encouraged to contribute both criticisms and proposals for positive change.

It arose from the anti-democratic nature of West Dorset District Council's cabinet form of government – where the majority Conservative party holds 67 per cent of the seats, based on just 43 per cent of the vote, but then through cabinet appointments translates this into 100 per cent of the cabinet positions – it massively diminishes other political points of view.

Critics complained that public questions to the council often go unanswered, and no follow-up is permitted where the reply is not responsive.

Chaired by local human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith OBE, the meeting discussed how under a unitary system, around 242 councillors county-wide might be cut back to around 100, with massive financial savings – as has successfully taken place in neighbouring Wiltshire.

Equally, a 'Committee' structure of local government would ensure that the voice of all parties would be heard in council.

Crucially, the public meeting voted emphatically 248 to two in favour of now moving from a cabinet to 'committee' system.

Towards the end, brief contributions from representatives invited from the Green Party, Labour, Lib Dems and UKIP were welcomed, and all agreed with the public's view that WDDC should move to a 'committee', and potentially unitary system of local government.

In perhaps the starkest illustration of the need for greater democratic responsiveness, not one of the eight senior ruling party Conservatives originally individually invited to attend appeared.

Votes were taken on several key issues debated and there was unanimity, at over a 90 per cent level, for action on all the proposals put to attenders.

The 'Public First Group' co-ordinating committee subsequently decided on three actions to spearhead their non-party-political Campaign for Local Democracy:

- To take steps to seek a local referendum that would require WDDC to substitute a more representative system for the current cabinet process;
- To initiate a public debate on the benefits of changing to a unitary form of local government;
- To encourage more such 'pop-up forums' through West Dorset in the coming weeks.

Meeting film clips are available shortly at [www.publicfirstgroup.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.publicfirstgroup.blogspot.co.uk)

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# 'Crisis' on the buses, warns action group

PUBLIC transport in West Dorset is "in crisis" and urgent action is required to make sure rural communities are not cut off from larger towns, campaigners have warned.

According to a bus action group set up to challenge service providers, "years of neglect" have led to residents becoming isolated in rural communities. Launching a manifesto for change early in the new year, campaigners renewed their calls for the county council to offer greater concessions to bus companies in order to keep key services on the roads.

The action group says students are being denied access to post-16 education because of the limited public transport options in West Dorset, with links to Yeovil, Weymouth, Exeter and Bournemouth failing to provide an adequate service.

And residents living in smaller villages, without easy access to shops, post offices, schools and GP surgeries, remain stranded because of the poor network, they say.

"Public transport is in crisis. For too long both local

by Jack Dixon  
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councils and bus companies have avoided the fact that they must work together closely to provide necessary bus services and tried to pass the buck. Well, the buck stops here," said campaigner and Bridport councillor Ros Kayes.

"After years of neglect, the latest cuts mean that services are running on a shoestring and therefore, even services that are currently making a profit can be chopped at any time. The county council wants to avoid the fact that bus services are necessary and bus companies want to focus only on buses that run at times of day which maximise their profit – there is no longer a concept of service."

A series of smaller campaigns have been launched in the Bridport area over the last year to save specific services under threat of termination, with First's X31 evening link the latest to be withdrawn.

Now angry commuters are urging local authorities to "recognise their duty"

by adopting standards of practice that will help keep communities connected.

Councillor Kayes added: "We are calling on all those involved to step up to the mark, to work collaboratively and to enter into quality contracts which

would lock in essential but unprofitable services ... and to recognise that our economy depends on regular, reliable and up-to-date public transport."

Speaking at a council meeting last week, Bridport town clerk Bob Gillis said he had had "useful" meetings with county council bosses with a view to resolving public transport issues this year.

He said: "First say that the possibility of reintroducing later services in the summer is being looked at but no decisions have been taken."

"I think, through the [town council's] highways sub-committee, it is a question of staying aware of the issues and trying to do as much as we can to maintain the services in this area."

## Driver charged after police pursuit

A MAN from Bridport has been charged with a string of motoring offences, following a police pursuit across West Dorset, writes JACK DIXON.

The 23-year-old was followed by police during an extensive chase, after he was seen with a second man at the wheel of a van that officers believe had been stolen.

Police traced the van to a Lyme Regis car park during the evening of Saturday January 3rd, where the two men were seen walking away from the vehicle.

The men returned a short while later carrying a bicycle, before leaving the scene at around midnight.

Officers pursued the suspects into the early hours of the morning, with the chase eventually reaching Bridport town centre.

Police followed the van, a Ford Transit flatbed tipper, through Uplyme to the Hunters Lodge, and onto the B3165 through Marshwood and Broadoak.

The pursuit crossed the B3162 at Dottery

Cross to Bradpole and then on to Lodgers, Uploders and Bridport, before reaching the Crown roundabout.

The van then followed West Bay Road, South Street and South View, before going off-road along the riverbank to a locked gate at Priory Gardens.

A 23-year-old man was later charged with aggravated vehicle taking and dangerous driving, as well as failing to stop when required by an officer.

The man was due to appear at Weymouth Magistrates' Court last Monday (January 5th), but detectives investigating the incident are appealing for more information.

Detective Sergeant Simon Austin said: "I urge any witnesses to the manner of driving of the Ford Transit along the route at the time to come forward and contact police."

"Anyone with information that could assist my investigation should contact Dorset Police in confidence on 101, quoting incident number 3:359."



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Saul Kelleher (pictured) opened a Pardoes branch in West Street last month and it will be one of the only solicitors to open at the weekend Saturday.

Mr Kelleher said: "We are delighted to open a Pardoes branch in Bridport and to open up on Saturdays. For literally centuries, seeing a solicitor was a weekday kind of thing but people's lives are much busier than they ever were before."

"So we at Pardoes in Bridport are adapting how we work to make sure our customers get the legal help they need, when they need it."

The firm also has branches in Somerset at Bridgwater, Taunton and Yeovil. Denys Rayner, Pardoes Executive Chairman, said: "Our new branch will bring the quality and breadth of our legal services down to help more local people and the Saturday opening will be a real help."

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## New Year charity tractor run

A NEW Year's Eve tractor run was held in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Bristol-based

charity Cots for Tots, which supports special care babies at St Michael's Hospital

The run, organised by Mike Bartlett and family, included 20 tractors which travelled from

Hawkchurch Village Hall, around the Marshwood Vale before finishing with lunch at the White Lion in Broadwindsor.

The event raised £302 for each charity and organisers hope to repeat it at the end of this year.

Laura Bartlett, who chose to fundraise for Cots for Tots after her son benefited from the charity, said: "We had a really good turnout and the weather stayed dry."

"We have been running the tractor run for the past two years and hope to do it again this year. Thanks to landlord Rick Woodham at the White Lion for putting on lunch for us."



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Practice manager and Director Kevin Bull says: "We are delighted to have Kate join us. Kate's experience in a wide range of contentious matters means that we can help more clients with a broader range of problems."

Although the main aim of her work is dispute resolution, Kate is qualified to represent clients at Court. Kate believes that this gives clients best value for money and continuity by having one person able to take a case through to its conclusion.

Kate can be contacted through the Axminster office where she is based, on 01297 32345, or by email on kate.maslen@scottrowe.co.uk.

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Kate says "I am really looking forward to the new challenges that working for a busy, well respected solicitor's practice will

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# Bridport business owner's cookbook inspires her to raise thousands for charity

by **Lottie Welch**  
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A LOCAL B&B owner has raised thousands of pounds for charity through numerous events and the launch of her own cookbook.

Fundraiser Pauline Bale – owner of the Highway Farm B&B in Bridport with her husband John Bale – has raised £51,064, with the help of friends and family, for various local and cancer charities and it all started with a cookbook.

Mrs Bale launched The Highway Farm KISS (Keep It So Simple) Cookbook in 2008, which was inspired by her B&B guests who encouraged her to gather her favourite recipes and specials.

And it was the cookbook that started much of the fundraising at Highway Farm.

Since the start of the cookbook she has held Big Breakfast events at Highway Farm, a KISS ball, Christmas wreath-making and even had a bra fence during Dorset Art Weeks in 2012 in which they collected money for Breakthrough cancer charity and the bras were sent to Malawi.

Mrs Bale said: "I am really chuffed that we have hit over £50,000, we have really enjoyed the challenges and working with friends and family to make things happen and it all started with The Highway Farm KISS Cookbook.

"We have sold over 3,000 copies of the cook-



■ **CHARITY fundraiser Pauline Bale, owner of Highway Farm B&B in Bridport**

book – not many guests leave without one – and it is a little taste of Dorset with lovely local recipes for Dorset apple cake, elderflower cordial and lots more useful recipes.

"We have been busy raising money for Breakthrough, prostate cancer, Dorchester Hospital scanner appeal, Weldmar Hospice and local charities too – having fun along the way.

"Our Bra-ed wire fence caused much amusement during Dorset Art Weeks, the KISS ball raised over £11,000, we had five Big Breakfasts, a brunch, village parties, Christmas wreath workshops, a plant sale and hilarious pig race night.

"I would like to thank everyone involved for their support and generosity, it has been fabulous fun, a busy time and very rewarding – I am sure there will be more to come."

The Highway Farm KISS Cookbook is available from the B&B website [www.highwayfarm.co.uk](http://www.highwayfarm.co.uk), the George Inn in Chideock, the Ilchester Arms in Symondsbury and through Kindle Books.

All proceeds from The KISS Cookbook go to Cancer Research UK and projects in Malawi.

# Family's thanks for festive appeal

by **Jack Dixon**  
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THE family of a Bridport man, who tragically died of a heart attack last year, have thanked members of the community for a "fantastic" response to their annual Air Ambulance fundraising appeal.

With the support of his wife and four grandchildren, Bernard Wright raised more than £1,000 towards the emergency organisation over the last seven years by adorning the family home on Edgell Road with a spectacular lights display each Christmas.

And he was set to continue the tradition last year before he suddenly died of a heart attack in October.

In tribute to his exceptional fundraising efforts, the family continued with preparations and made an extra effort to create their best display yet.

Following a switch-on attended by lots of friends and family, members of the wider community responded to the appeal and contributed to the Wrights' biggest ever cash total, with £470 donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

"When Bernard died, the first thing the children said was – we have got to do the lights again for Grandad," said Mrs Wright.

"The response we have had has been absolutely fantastic, more than we could ever have expected. It was a very spe-

cial Christmas for the family and we just want to thank everybody for their generous donations."

The day the lights were turned on would have been Mr and Mrs Wright's 47th wedding anniversary, and the occasion was marked by a visit from Wessex FM to help with the switch-on.

Over the Christmas period, donations poured in from all corners of the town, and the family was able to raise a total of £470 towards the cause.

Mrs Wright added: "The air ambulance is such a needed service and we are more than happy to do our bit to support it."



■ **ELIZABETH Wright, and her grandchildren (left to right) Emily Wright, 19, Timothy Pearce, 7, Zakjohn Ousley, 11, and Serena Ousley, 10, with Wessex FM's James O'Neil launching their most successful ever Christmas lights appeal last month**  
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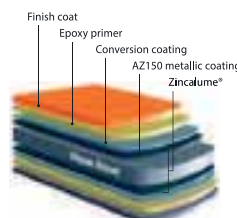
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# Meeting Peter Andre was 'insania', says Becs



■ **SLIMMING World Consultant Becs King cuddles up to singer and TV presenter Peter Andre**

A SLIMMING World Consultant from Beaminster says meeting singer and TV presenter Peter Andre was the perfect way to get set for a super-slimming start to 2015.

Becs King, who runs a Slimming World group at St Mary's Church Hall, Bridport

every Tuesday and Beaminster Public Hall every Wednesday, was thrilled to get a chance to cuddle up to Peter when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Becs said meeting the 'Insania' singer was a wonderful way to round off what's been a great 12 months for the Beaminster Slimming World group, as well as the perfect way to kick start another successful year: "I'm so proud of all of the members of the Beaminster group. They've lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2014, with many of them reaching their target weights and improving their health substantially.

"It's so rewarding to see people achieve things that they didn't think possible before losing weight, whether that's wearing smaller-sized clothes, taking up new hobbies, reducing medication or being able to do more with their family and friends.

"Meeting Peter was a real treat – he was such a nice guy – and a great way to celebrate all of that. Now I feel powered up and I can't wait to help my members hold on to all of the fabulous changes they've made, and to support even more people to become happier and healthier in 2015."

Two-time celebrity dad-of-the-year Peter, who famously featured on the ITV show *I'm a Celebrity...* in 2004 and now presents *Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover*, said he was delighted to meet Becs at the event, which was held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre.

He added: "Being in the public eye there's a lot of scrutiny and if you put on even a pound or two the magazines and newspapers are extremely quick to point it out, so I've always tried to take care of myself and watch my weight.

"However since becoming a dad I've realised it's about more than just looking good, it's much more important to me that I'm fit and healthy and setting a good example to my children.

"At the awards I met lots of people who've lost incredible amounts of weight and it has completely transformed their lives – and their families' lives too.

"And every single one of them told me that they couldn't have made those changes without the support of their Slimming World group and their consultant, so people like Becs are clearly very important."

Flattered by Peter's kind words, Becs hopes even more people will join Slimming World in Bridport and Beaminster and benefit from making healthy lifestyle changes this New Year. To power up your weight loss in 2015 call 01308 861486 or visit [www.slimmingworld.com](http://www.slimmingworld.com)

## 'Hackney heroine' to speak on political change



■ **ACTIVIST Pauline Pearce**

AN INSPIRATIONAL community leader, who became famous for her stance against London rioters in 2011, will visit Bridport this week.

Pauline Pearce, who was heralded the 'Hackney Heroine' after standing up to looters in the capital three years ago, will speak at the Lyric Theatre on Friday evening, as part of a discussion titled 'Is political revolution on the cards?'

Ms Pearce became an internet sensation in the aftermath of the riots, after a video of her confronting offenders on the street went viral.

She has since earned a reputation as an inspirational speaker

and activist, particularly on the government's approach to tackling urban poverty and the rights of young people.

The former jazz singer will share the Lyric stage with renowned local activist and human rights attorney Clive Stafford Smith, as well as filmmaker Robert Golden, to discuss community-based democracy.

Bridport councillor Ros Kayes, who organised the event, said: "Pauline is a strong advocate of rights for those at the bottom of the social ladder – she's a mesmerising and powerful speaker who tells it like it is, because she's been there.

"We have a real crisis in UK politics at the moment, with some people who are disillusioned with the whole charade drifting to the right to parties like UKIP, which they think will somehow solve all the problems. This event hopes to explore other solutions."

The event takes place at Bridport's Lyric Theatre on Friday (January 16th) at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10, on the door, or in advance from the Lyric Theatre coffee shop, or by email at [flo.jones22@gmail.com](mailto:flo.jones22@gmail.com)

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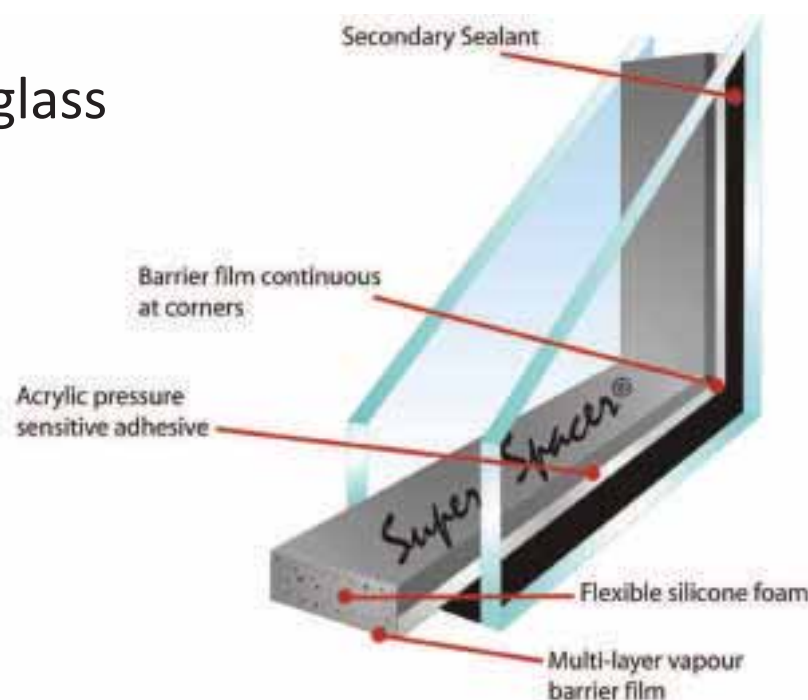
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Travelling is never an issue, currently Jim has jobs covering areas up to Yeovil, Dorchester and across to Sidmouth, as well as work further afield in the London area. So why not give Jim a ring and see how he can help.

Since setting up his business in March 2011, Jim has also completed projects ranging from a small Kitchen Extension through to detached garages and ancillary accommodation, Listed Barn Conversions and was also part of the team associated with gaining the Outline Planning Approval for a new primary school.

If you are looking to start building in the early part of 2015, then now is the time to contact Jim for an initial discussion about your project.

With a large knowledge of the local area, Jim is very keen on helping to provide low cost housing in the area. With first time buyers struggling to get onto the market, he is keen to pass on his knowledge and advice to help provide this much-needed local requirement.

Keep an eye out for Jim's new look website coming late 2014, including some of his recent projects.

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## IT'S A MIRACLE!

The highly entertaining *Dr  
Livingstone, I Presume?*  
comes to Dorchester

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# TRANSMISSION

*Your guide to local live music*

## upcoming gigs

**Friday 16 Jan**  
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT  
**Elaine Davies and Philip Clouts**  
8pm. £10

**Saturday 17 Jan**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Slither**  
9.30pm  
Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER  
**Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar**  
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

**Sunday 18 Jan**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Richard Kennedy**  
4-6pm

**Saturday 24 Jan**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**The Esplanades**  
9.30pm  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
**On The Nash**  
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Moens Farm House, Uploders, BRIDPORT  
**Blind Buffalo Quartet**  
7.30pm. £6. Book at [www.fannyhatstand.com](http://www.fannyhatstand.com)

**Sunday 25 Jan**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Amy Mayes** 4-6pm

**Friday 30 Jan**  
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS  
**Southern Tenant Folk Union**  
Doors 7.15pm. £13.50/£12.50

**Saturday 31 Jan**  
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT  
**Dinosaur Cafe**  
9.30pm

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT  
**Tales from India**  
8pm. £12/£11/£10  
Nags Head, LYME REGIS  
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**Sunday 1 Feb**  
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As well as enchanting audiences with innovative re-workings of old songs and ballads, Lady Maisery break new ground as one of the first UK groups to explore the tradition of 'did-dling' or 'tune singing', which has nearly died out in England, but is still prevalent in Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. Whether singing unaccompanied or with backing by intelligent, striking arrangements on fiddle, harp, banjo accordion and foot percussion, be prepared to be enchanted by rich harmonies and sumptuous clashes as Lady Maisery emerge as one of the most original new

groups on the UK folk scene.

Lady Maisery play at Piddletrenthide Memorial hall on Thursday, January 22nd at 7.30pm (o book or for more details call 01300 348247).

The band then perform on Friday, January 23rd at 7.30pm at Frampton Village Hall (call 07968 586906).

For more details visit [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk).



Lady Maisery

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## BROADCHURCH COMPOSER TO PERFORM AT THE PALACE

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The first half will be a set of the haunting soundtrack to the hit TV show *Broadchurch*, and the second half will be a best of. Ólafur will be introduced by *Broadchurch* writer, and Bridport resident, Chris Chibnall.

Ólafur Arnalds performs at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Monday, February 23rd, with doors opening at 6.30pm. Tickets are £20 plus booking fee in advance, or £22 on the door. For more de-

tails or to book visit the Electric Palace website at [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk), visit [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com) or call 01308 424901 (Bridport TIC).



Ólafur Arnalds



# It's a Miracle!

Victorian Music Hall is revived in the highly entertaining *Dr Livingstone, I Presume?*

BEFORE the January blues set in, Cornwall's Miracle Theatre are here to whisk you off on an epic adventure into unknown territories of entertainment with a show packed full of comedy and melodrama, not to mention some high-kicking can-can!

*Dr Livingstone, I Presume?* is the tale of the great explorer and his travels to the heart of Africa in search of the source of the river Nile – all told from an unusual, and highly entertaining perspective.

Those familiar with Miracle Theatre may remember their inspired production of *Frankenstein*, which received great acclaim in Dorchester last February as well as their much-celebrated outdoor theatre performances at Maumbury Rings, with *The Tempest* in July last year being a highlight of the summer season.

As part of their winter tour, Miracle is now back with their signatory style as they tell the story of this famous explorer via a series of music hall turns (song and ballet, ventriloquism and stand-up comedy), which is as fraught with danger and catastrophe as any expedition into the heart of Africa. This charming show is a revival of Miracle's 1997 hit, written by Bill Scott and Steve Clarke, and stars Miracle stalwarts Ben Dyson, Ciaran Clark, Holly Cassidy and, making his Miracle debut, Giles King (as previously seen in theatre productions by Black Fish and Knee-high).

"*Dr Livingstone, I Presume?* proved a huge hit with audiences first time round in 1997 and this refurbished version, with its fantastic cast of comic and musical talent, promises to sparkle with even greater charm!" said Bill Scott, Artistic Director.

Add an exquisite set and a rack of authentic music-



hall style costumes, designed by Alan and Jude Munden, and you have an example why Miracle shows have gained a reputation for being just the ticket for that winter treat, whether you usually love a traditional panto or are looking for an alternative for a giggle-filled night out with family and friends.

Both a hurrah to courage and endurance and a swipe at the 19th century ideals of imperialism, chauvinism and hypocrisy, this curious slice of history is served up as a magnificent melange of musicality ... and it even comes with a side dish of lion wrestling, BRAVO!

*Dr Livingstone, I Presume?* Is co-promoted by Dorchester Town Council and supported by Batten's Charitable Trust. It will be performed at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 January. Also showing at Marine Theatre Lyme Regis. To book tickets call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)

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# Yeovil Town FC inspire 'Giant' new production

SOMERSET-BASED Wassail Theatre Company proudly presents its debut production *The Giants*, a play inspired by Yeovil Town Football Club.

*The Giants* tells the story of Glovers fan Warren Pritchard, a tyre fitter with green and white aspirations. Following in the footsteps of his idols, Warren is planning on stepping off the terraces to bring a touch of Yeovil glory to his own team of under-12s. Warren and his merry band of school kids have their sights set firmly on the Premier League, but first there's the small matter of conquering the Somerset Schools' Cup.

Directed by the Marine Theatre's Artistic Director Tim Bell, rehearsals for the show incidentally coincide with the forthcoming 3rd round FA Cup tie against Manchester United.

The play is heading to The Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Saturday, January 24th; for football fans and theatre lovers alike!

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 or £8, available from 01297 442138 or via [www.marinetheatre.com](http://www.marinetheatre.com).

What's more two lucky winners are being offered the opportunity to win a performance of the show, to be held in their living room either on Saturday, January 31st or Saturday, February 7th.

To enter the competition simply email [wassailtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:wassailtheatre@gmail.com) with your name and address with the

answer to this question:

**Which current Premier League team did Yeovil famously beat 2-1 in 1949?**

Full information on the show can be found at [www.wassailtheatre.co.uk](http://www.wassailtheatre.co.uk).

The show is Supported by Arts Council England, Take Art and South Somerset District Council.



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# Beaminster Brasserie at the BridgeHouse is one of West Dorset's top fine dining restaurants

**T**HE temptation is to overlook restaurants that have been around for a while. The Beaminster Brasserie at the BridgeHouse Hotel could easily fall in to that category. For more than 20 years it has been one of West Dorset's top fine dining restaurants at the heart of the town. Yet it remains one of the most popular foodie destinations around.

Moving with the times has seen the restaurant adopt a more relaxed, brasserie style without losing a very special magic, which the hotel seems to possess.

Rather than resting on its laurels, this Beaminster landmark has continued to improve and re-invent itself and in return has become multi-award winning – a consistent AA two rosette rating and in the past year accolades from Dorset Tourism, The Michelin Restaurant Guide, The Good Hotel Guide as well as a Taste of the West Gold award. And as I found out, it is surely deserving of all their accolades.

So it was about time to experience the Beaminster Brasserie's fine dining experience and I invited my partner and a friend with me, one of which, who won't admit it, but is very fussy and hard to please, and the other was no stranger to fine dining.

We were greeted with a warm welcome and a smile and led to the bar and lounge where drinks arrived almost instantaneously and we looked at the menu, which featured dishes to satisfy the highest food connoisseurs but at the same time will please diners with a particular palate (so definitely something for the fussy eater I brought along!)

I am someone who will chose the same type of meal when eating out – normally a pasta dish, even though I believe you should order something you can't make at home – so I decided to order the seared hake fillet with a chorizo paella, tiger prawns, Fowey mussels and a lobster bisque.

My partner and friend both opted for the pie of the day, which was creamy chicken and ham, served with dauphinoise potatoes and long stem broccoli something I knew would suit both of them.

After ordering we relaxed in the bar and lounge area.

It is so comfortable and relaxing, with a fire and candles burning to one side, that when the waitress arrives to take you to your table you are almost reluctant but at the same time eager to try their award winning food.

'Wow' was my first impression of the candle lit restaurant, as you walk in your drawn to the back wall which is taken up by different coloured bottles, illuminated by the lights which had been perfectly dimmed – not too much that you have to squint but not too little that it could be the middle of the day.

The restaurant is beautifully and tastefully decorated with a neutral colour scheme that makes dinners feel warm and comfortable and the tables were expertly laid up.

It was only a short wait for food and when it came it was beautifully presented (unfortunately I was so excited to start that I had to reconstruct the dish to take a picture) and the consensus of the table was that all meals were absolutely delicious.

I shared mine as I didn't want the other two to miss out on how perfectly the hake was cooked and the variety of flavours bursting from the paella – which we discussed at length – but they ate theirs before I

managed a taste but from their comments the pastry was excellent and overall it was fantastic.

And staff are incredibly helpful and friendly without being over attentive, leaving you to enjoy your meal but always on hand to replace drinks.

I felt I had to try a dessert, sous chef Geraldine Gay's specialty as she won an award earlier this year for her pistachio cake, poached pear, blackberry ice cream and ginger beer gel, it was rude not to!

My partner chose the sticky toffee pudding, blackberry crumble, ice cream, rice pudding and berry jam – yes, all in one pudding! – and myself and our friend went for the BridgeHouse crème brûlée with shortbread biscuits.

It didn't disappoint and rounded off a fantastic meal.

Owners Mark and Joanna Donovan have not only built up a successful restaurant that serves some of the best food around, they have also achieve a superb reputation for their hotel rooms.

The hotel can sleep 30 people with all rooms decorated in keeping with the hotel's rich heritage from Medieval to Georgian but finished off with modern touches.

I regret leaving it so long to try one of Beaminster's best restaurants. If you haven't already tried it, I encourage you to make the visit especially as they are offering a great winter dining offer with 10 per cent off lunch and dinner until February 12th. (You'll need to quote 'Bridge1' when booking your table to qualify for the discount).

They are also taking bookings for Valentines Day so to find out what will be on offer, call the BridgeHouse on 01308 862200.

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## View 2 Diary Dates

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH

**DORCHESTER:** Elvis Day at Age UK Dorchester. Exhibition of memorabilia on show including records, movie posters, books and a slideshow of photos from Tupelo, Memphis and Nashville. Lots of music and a few surprises. Exhibition from 10am-11.30am. Coffee and cookies will be included in the entrance fee of £1.50. In the afternoon at the Evergreen Cinema there will be a special showing of 'Blue Hawaii'. The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the screen, for just £1.50, and ice creams also available. For more details call 01305 269444.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

**DORCHESTER:** A talk will be given for the South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group at St George's Church Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7.45pm. The talk will be given by Martin Cade, Portland Bird Observatory Manager. Martin talks about the work of the Bird Observatory on the unique strange and compelling island of Portland. Admission £3 members, Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH - SATURDAY 17TH

**BOTHENHAMPTON:** Panto: 'Rumplestiltskin' by the Bothenhampton Village Players, at the village hall. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm performance each night. Tickets cost £7.00 adults, £3.50 children available from Pennie 458006 or Sandra 422205. Includes a light supper and glass of wine or juice.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. **CHARMOUTH:** Bingo at St Andrew's Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle, draw board and licensed bar.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

**UPLYME:** Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

### SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH - SUNDAY 18TH

**MONKTON WYLD:** Wyld Walking Weekend for Families at Monkton Wyld Court. Designed with children in mind, these whatever-the-weather walks will be leisurely paced, with time for puddles, stick collecting and wintery activities included. Price: Adults £50 (hostel accommodation), £65 (B&B), Children half price. Includes all meals, accommodation in family rooms and guided walks. For booking or information call: 01297 560 342 or email: info@monktonwyldcourt.org

### MONDAY JANUARY 19TH

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

### TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm-4pm at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A novel way to use your credit cards! Graham Watson is going to show us all a way of using them in creating a painting. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

**CROSSWAYS:** Tales from the Dorset Archives' illustrated talk by Maria Gayton at Crossways Local History Group at 7.30pm at the Library in Old Farm Way. £3 or £2 for members of the Friends of Crossways Library.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21ST

**EYPE:** West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'The Art and Meaning of Maps' lecturer: Prof. Jeremy Black. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

### THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND

**BEAMINSTER:** Dr Lucy Goodison will give an illustrated talk, entitled 'Sexuality and the goddess' to the One World Forum in the Strode Room, (next to St Mary's Church) at 7.30pm. Visitor's entry remains at £4 which includes tea/coffee/biscuit.

**EYPE:** Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

# Now Exhibiting

View 2 talks with curator David Brooke ahead of the 'Theatre of the Soul' exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre

## What are the main themes of this exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre?

The Theatre of the Soul is an exhibition of imaginative, visionary and surreal art by 11 West Country based artists, art of the unusual would describe the show pretty well. The title of the exhibition is a quotation from the visionary artist Cecil Collins which seemed to sum up the type of work I wanted to show in the exhibition.

## How did the exhibition come about, did you approach the artists or vice versa?

The artists in this show are people whose work has really caught my eye as being the kind of art I am inspired by. I have seen and admired their work either in exhibitions or open studio events and decided to invite them to take part in this exhibition. This type of imaginative art doesn't often get shown together as a group show and I felt it was something I would like to arrange myself, so I approached Bridport Arts Centre who were willing to host the exhibition.

## Have you always had an interest in visual arts?

Yes, I've been producing paintings and drawings ever since I was a child.

## Who or what are you inspired and influenced by?

I find many things inspiring and lots of artists have influenced my work. I have a great liking and interest in Medieval Book Illuminations and Romanesque Sculpture. Mythology has also been a great influence in my painting.

## Do you have an artist you particularly admire dead or alive?

Following on from the last question, many artists

have influenced me, some better known than others, they include Michael Ayrton, Henri Fuseli, William Blake, Max Ernst, George Tooker and Betty Swanwick.

## What challenges do you encounter when organizing an exhibition like this?

Timing and communication are certainly very important. Making sure all the different artists know when and what is required of them. Choosing the artists whose work will make a cohesive whole as an exhibition is the enjoyable part.

## Is there something you are currently working on, or are excited about starting that you can tell us about?

I'm always working on new paintings, last year I started a series of imaginative pieces inspired by the Tors of Dartmoor. Seeing figures and faces in the rock formations, changing them into images of sleeping giants, and creating paintings of Tors which don't exist but should.

## What is the best piece of advice you've been given?

I'm not sure about advice, but one of the things which made want to be an artist was being lent a book of the Drawings and Sculptures of Michael Ayrton whilst I was at school. The book was lent to me by my Art Teacher, Colin Browning.

## What advice would you give to others wanting to be artists?

Follow what you really want to do and don't be led by fashion or what other people tell you that you should be doing.

## Is being an artist all its cracked up to be?

There is a lot of work in being an artist, it takes a lot of time, practice and dedication to produce a painting. There is also a lot each artist has to do promoting and exhibiting their work. But I enjoy creating images and I certainly wouldn't want to be doing anything else.

## If you could live in any period of history anywhere in the world, what and where would it be?

I'm not sure I would want to live in any time other than the present, realistically the past was a very hard place to live. But if I had a time machine and could just visit and return again I would like to see what the ruined medieval castles and abbeys looked like in their heyday. I would then have to return home to the present for tea and crumpets.

■ Theatre of the Soul, Curated by David Brooke runs from Saturday, January 17th to Saturday, February 28th, 10am- 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Allsop Gallery, Bridport Arts Centre. [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com) For more information

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### SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

**WEYMOUTH:** Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yettie Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

**BRIDPORT:** Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, Tombola, Raffles etc at St Mary's Church House, South Street, 10.30am-12.30pm. All proceeds from this coffee morning will go to the National Osteoporosis Society. A chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

**BOTHENHAMPTON:** Film: 'The Hundred Foot Journey' at the village hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071

### SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

**WHITCHURCH CANICORUM:** 15th Annual Farmhouse Breakfast at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall from 9am - 2pm. In aid of hall funds with donation to Joseph Weld hospice. Further details available from Sue 01297 489375

### MONDAY JANUARY 26TH

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### TUESDAY JANUARY 27TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Jake Winkle's demonstration on painting wildlife in watercolour. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

**UPLYME:** Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society meeting. Alice Holden runs a small team growing organic food on a two acre site in Dagenham, east of London, and will be telling us how it was set up on a derelict industrial site and now runs successfully. The talk title is "Grown in Dagenham". 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Seascape, Open PDI, and Print competitions. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

**DORCHESTER:** Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at The Borough Gardens at 3pm.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

**EYPE, BRIDPORT:** A new class for parents and babies/toddlers at Highlands End swimming pool, 11.30-12 noon. This new 6 week course will help to promote bonding between parent and child, boost water confidence and help to develop coordination, balance and strength in a fun class. Details from 07970 879047 or 01308 426945.

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

**DORCHESTER:** Le Cercle Francais de Dorchester, aka the Dorchester French Circle, invites you to the next meeting of their 2015 season. This is to show the film "I've loved you so long", in French with English subtitles and starring Kristin Scott Thomas, at 7.30 for 8pm at Cafe/Bar Jagos, 8 High West Street, opposite the church next to the Dorchester Museum. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information and to see our full programme please visit the website [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk) or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Maria Barbashina will demonstrate drawing a Portrait using Charcoal. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

**BRIDPORT:** Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Bridport United Church at 11.30am.

**BRIDPORT:** Electronic Organ Concert by David Ingle at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.



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"Jane has the ability to transport the audience to the faraway land of myths and legends from our native past ... Her storytelling is magical ... truly inspired and inspiring" (Merlin Theatre, Frome).

Doors open at 7pm and the storytelling begins at 7.30pm. The evening is suitable for adults and older children. Tickets are £7 / £6 members / £5 concessions available from Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 and via the website www.bridport-arts.com



Jane Flood

# A merry, funky treasure trove of shows at The Gateway

THE Gateway in Seaton will stream the Met Opera's live New York performance of Lehar's *The Merry Widow* on Saturday, January 17th.

The great Renee Fleming stars in award-winning Broadway director Susan Stroman's lavish new staging of Lehar's comic operetta.

Recently widowed Hanna (Renee Fleming) has inherited a huge fortune. Scheming Baron Zeta (Thomas Allen) is determined that her money should remain in the country. But former lover Danilo (Nathan Gunn) now refuses to court her because of her wealth.

Lehar's effervescent operetta has been an audience favourite ever since its 1905 premiere, and this exquisite new staging in an art-nouveau setting marks the Met debut of Broadway director and choreographer Susan Stroman. Her Tony Award-winning credits include the musicals 'Crazy For You', 'Contact', and 'The Producers'.

Leading a starry cast conducted by Andrew Davis, Renee Fleming adds another role to her Met repertoire of 22 characters as the beguiling femme fatale.

Broadway soprano Kelli O'Hara makes her Met debut as the Baron's wife.

The operetta is performed in English in a new translation by Jeremy Sams.

Doors open at 5.30pm on Saturday, January 17th, with the performance beginning at 5.55pm. The show is approximately three hours long. Tickets are £15

advance or £17.50 on the door from the Box Office on 01297 625699, or from the website ticket shop www.seatongateway.co.uk. A licensed bar and refreshments are available.

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For more details on the band check out their website at www.joeythelips.co.uk

Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 in advance and £15 on door, available online from website ticket shop www.seatongateway.co.uk or from The Gateway Box Office on 01297 625699.

WHEN a frightfully weathered looking sailor arrives at the inn, with a giant sea-

## HARDY DRESS ON DISPLAY AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

DORSET County Museum's textile archive includes a significant collection of clothing originally owned by Thomas Hardy's family. Among the pieces is a stunning red bustle dress worn by his sister Katherine. Until now most of the collection has remained in storage as it requires specialist mounting and display. But following a generous grant from the Daphne Bullard Trust the dress has now been specially prepared and is on display in the Museum's Writers Gallery.

The bustle dress has been mounted on a bespoke mannequin and will bring a new perspective to the Thomas Hardy displays in the Museum. Donated in 1984, the dress consists of a bodice and skirt in red grosgrain silk. It was made in about 1889 by the linen drapers, Genge,

Dixon and Jameson in Dorchester.

Displaying the dress both safely and sympathetically was a complicated project. A particular consideration was Kate Hardy's large bust. She also had a very small waist and narrow shoulders so a special museum grade mannequin was purchased and adapted with additional padding in the relevant areas. A petticoat with several layers of net was added underneath for support and padded arms allow the sleeves to hold their natural shape. Extra pads were finally attached around the hips to help support the weight of the skirt and prevent stress on the original fastenings.

Dorset County Museum is open 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday. For further information visit www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

chest in tow, Jim the inn-keeper invites him inside. It soon becomes clear to Jim and his granddaughter, that the old seadog is harbouring many a dark secret, and so begins a chain of events that will change their lives forever.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic, coming-of-age children's story *Treasure Island* is reinvigorated with Bryony Lavery's thrilling new stage adaption, which takes you on a journey across the high seas as the pirate's secrets are revealed.

Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life in a thrilling new stage adaptation by Bryony Lavery, broadcast live from the National Theatre.

It's a dark, stormy night. The stars are out. Jim, the inn-keeper's granddaughter, opens the door to a terrifying

stranger. At the old sailor's feet sits a huge sea-chest, full of secrets. Jim invites him in and her dangerous voyage begins.

The visual impact from the National Theatre stage from costumes to the ship to the stage sets are absolutely stunning, worth the ticket price alone to witness this.

There will be two screenings of the National Theatre's performance on Wednesday, January 28th, with doors open at 1pm for a 1.30pm show, and 6.30pm for a 7pm show.

Tickets are £12 in advance, £15 on the door, or £10 for under 16s, available online from website ticket shop or The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699.

The performance is approximately three hours long. A licensed bar and refreshments are available.

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Musbury offers a lively community, with a village hall, public house, primary school, playing field, Church, shop with petrol station and garage. On the doorstep there are numerous walks into the countryside including the East Devon Way and scenic Musbury Castle. Nearby the East Devon market town of Axminster famed for its carpet manufacturing and more re-



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This is very good news. The only cloud on the horizon might be the general election in May. If we thought the Scottish referendum – which for a time had a negative effect on market activity in England and Wales as well as Scotland – was a difficult one to call, the 2015 general election will surely prove to be impossible to forecast. And it is just this sort of uncertainty that markets don't like. So we may see a slight cooling off in activity levels and transactions the nearer we get to May. But we think that buyers and sellers will want to make a head start on the market and try and make some hard decisions early in the New Year. Certainly these are the clear signs now.

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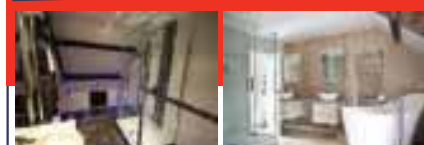
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THE new AMG sports models are distinguished by convincing product substance. Even at first glance, the characteristic AMG body styling leaves no doubt that this model is part of the Mercedes-AMG model family. Another indication for the new model strategy is found in the form of a special AMG badge on the front wings. From an engineering standpoint the AMG sports models perfectly deliver on the visual promise of a sporty character with a powerful engine, the standard-fit all-wheel drive system with rear-biased torque split, and sophisticated suspension solutions.

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4MATIC represents the second stage of the new model initiative. More emotionally inspiring AMG sports models will follow.

Tobias Moers, Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercedes-AMG GmbH explains: "With the C 450 AMG we present the second sporty and emotionally expressive vehicle in our product line. It combines the power of a strong twin-turbo V6 engine with a high level of emotional expressiveness, and avails itself of the technical DNA of the new C 63. The new sports models represent a convincing proposition for our customers: sports car technology and motor racing fascination become more attainable and in the process appeal

to a broader customer base."

### Authentic driving dynamics thanks to hallmark AMG DNA

The new C 450 AMG Sport 4MATIC is based on the most powerful production model of the C-Class, the C 400 4MATIC. The engineers have revised many technical features of the new AMG sports model. Their objective: a high level of authentic driving dynamics geared towards the Mercedes-AMG C 63. To this end, a host of suspension components were adopted from the top-of-the-line V8 model. The driver also feels the DNA of the C 63 in the application of the engine and transmission management.

The new 3.0-litre twin-turbo V6 engine is part of the BlueDIRECT engine family from Mercedes-Benz. Technical advances including a modified boost pressure allowed the AMG engineers to increase the engine's power output and torque. With 367 hp and 520 Newton metres the V6 engine sets new standards in its segment – which is evident in the convincing performance: a sprint time from zero to 62 mph of 4.9 seconds (Estate: 5.0 seconds) underscores the sporty temperament of the C 450 AMG Sport 4MATIC. With a combined fuel consumption of 37.1 mpg and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 178 grams per kilometre (Estate: 36.6 mpg and 180 g CO<sub>2</sub> per km) the new top-of-the-line V6 model defines an absolute top position in the competitive environment.

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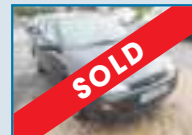


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Prof Dr Thomas Weber, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG and responsible for Group Research and Mercedes-Benz Cars Development: "The PLUG-IN HYBRID is an investment in the future of Mercedes-Benz and we believe it will become established as the successful technology for maximum efficiency coupled with powerful dynamic performance. We will be launching ten new PLUG-IN HYBRID models up to 2017."

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## Lexus's New High-Performance V8 Saloon



▲ Introducing The GS F

LEXUS has today revealed the new GS F at the Detroit motor show, the latest addition to its stable of F-designated high performance models. True to the principles that produced the LFA supercar and the RC F coupe, the 470bhp V8-powered GS F delivers sports car performance and handling, but in a luxury saloon car package.

Based on the current GS saloon, it retains the four-door format and can comfortably seat five adults, breaking new ground as the largest car yet to bear the Lexus F badge.

Yukihiko Yaguchi, chief engineer, explained: "Our cars with the F designation are meant to generate a very positive feeling when you're behind the steering wheel, and are designed to be fun to drive, no matter who's driving, or where. "With the GS F we wanted to make a

special car that would not only exceed the expectations of the most discerning enthusiast, but which could also be enjoyed by all drivers. In this spirit, it embraces the virtues of sound, response and power – the cornerstones of the Lexus F brand."

### V8 engine and eight-speed transmission

The GS F is powered by Lexus's formidable normally aspirated 5.0-litre V8 engine, here producing 470bhp and peak torque in excess of 530Nm. The unit is mated to a lightning quick eight-speed automatic transmission that offers a manual shift capability and four driver-selectable operating modes: Normal, Eco, Sport S and, designed specifically for race track driving, Sport S+.

With a weight of 1,830kg, the rear-wheel drive saloon promises rapid accel-

eration and a top speed to give some race cars a run for their money. As well as being powerful, the 32-valve DOHC engine is fuel efficient, engineered to operate on the Atkinson cycle in everyday running and to switch seamlessly to the Otto cycle for performance driving and cruising at speed.

### Handling honed on the race track

The GS F features structural reinforcements and an exclusive suspension design to capture the potential offered by its high-power engine. The intention has been to achieve sports car-like handling, with extensive circuit testing in Japan and on the famous Nürburgring Nord-schleife in Germany. The taut suspension, larger tyres (255/35R19 at the front, 275/35R19 at the rear) and uprated braking system combine to provide exceptional high-speed stability and sports car agility, with near-neutral handling balance through almost every kind of corner.

Lexus's innovative Torque Vectoring Differential, which made its debut in the RC F, features in a comprehensive standard equipment list that will make the GS F's performance stand out in its class.

### Styling

The GS F gives the styling of the GS saloon a more powerful, performance-focused dimension, witnessed in the larger, more pronounced spindle grille with its dedicated F-model mesh pattern and the large air vents integrated cleanly into the front bumper section. The elegant-yet-sporty frontal appearance is further emphasised by the slim, angled headlights and signature L-motif daytime running lights.

The car sits noticeably lower and wider than other GS models, giving it a determined look that's amplified by the front air vents and 19-inch alloy wheels. At the rear there is a subtle carbon fibre spoiler and chrome-finished exhaust tailpipes.

The cabin adopts sports-themed features as well, while retaining its overall elegant form-follows-function design. Details include an electronic instrument display that automatically adjusts content and appearance according to the selected drive mode. The custom-designed front and rear seats provide extra lateral support, without sacrificing comfort.

A luxury feel is retained, with high-grade Alcantara on the door trims, centre console and upper instrument panel, an analogue clock and a remote-controlled video monitor. The GS F will be available (according to market) with a 17-speaker

Mark Levinson premium hifi system, while those who prefer to listen to the engine sound can take advantage of the Active Sound Control system when the car is driven in Sport S or Sport S+ mode. The Active Sound Control is like that featured in the RC F, but with additional use of rear seat speakers.

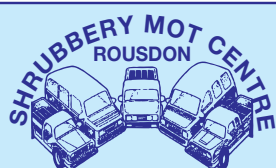
Yoshiharu Nakajima, project chief designer, said: "Fun to drive – it's what characterises all the cars wearing the F badge, and it was our intention that the GS F should be true to that quality."

"The style philosophy is 'form following function'. For example, the GS F's spindle grille was designed to further improve the car's aerodynamics and internal cooling, while the air outlets in the front wings, first seen on the IS F and more recently on the RC F, have been adopted because of their efficiency."



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The hosts enjoyed a period of good possession throughout the game but failed to convert this into goals against a side that manager Steve Gillan described as "Committed, aggressive and well organised at the back."

Top-scorer Jake Bearpark did go close for the Swallows in the 20th minute but his effort was held by the visiting keeper whose long clearance resulted in Niall Fifer conceding a penalty that Gillan felt was "the softest ever!"

Former Lyme Regis midfielder Dan Rudge made no mistake from the spot.

It was 2-0 soon after when a long cross-come-shot from Kev Richardson deceived keeper Sam Kapur who got too far underneath the ball and ended up dropping it into his own net.

Despite the loss Gillan was impressed by his centre-back pairing of Will Francis and Mark Taylor.

## ◆ Revised draw;

Drimpton (D2) v Thorncombe (D2),  
Crewk Rangers (D2) v Waytown Hounds (D2),  
Hawthchurch Utd (D3) v Crewkerne Res (D2),  
Barrington Res (D3) v Merriott Rovers (D4)  
Ties scheduled for January 31st.

## PREMIER

**BEAMINSTER 7 ILMINSTER COLTS 0**  
A HAT-TRICK from Robin Jones helped Beaminster edge three points closer to the top half of the Premier Division table.

Alf Ward, Josh Hunter - who is now the division's leading scorer, Richie Runyard and player-manager Dean Newman scored the Rainbows' other goals

**COMBE RES 0 LYME REGIS RES 2**  
LYME Regis Reserves ended a run of four straight defeats with a fine win on Saturday.

Other than an Ally Rattenbury free-kick that grazed the crossbar, the opening 27 minutes were decidedly uneventful.

But Lyme took the lead when Combe keeper Chris Scott fumbled a Rattenbury cross under pressure from Pete Peacock and the ball fell to Alex

Rowe who had the simple task of rolling the ball into the empty net.

Sam McCafferey missed a golden chance of equalising two minutes later when he slid the ball wide from close range when left completely unmarked at the far post.

The Seasiders were forced into a reshuffle in the 38th minute when goalkeeper Jedd Whittington was forced off with a leg injury and Ryan Turner took over between the sticks.

The second-half saw Lyme forced to defend the slope with the wind unusually gusting down the hill at Slades Cross.

But the Saints could only really craft two decent chances which were both squandered by striker Stuart Bicknell.

Lyme then survived what looked strong claims for a red-card when last defender Mark Batey tripped Steve Every - but referee Andy Dykes only produced the yellow version.

Darren Spurdle went close for the hosts with a 76th minute free-kick which clipped the crossbar with Turner beaten.

But the Seasiders responded well and Man-of-the-Match Sam Jones picked out Peacock who found the net with a superb lob that left Scott in no-man's land.

The last chance went to Bickenell who stabbed an effort past Turner but the ball rebounded off the foot of the post.

**SHEPTON BEAU 8 MISTERTON 0**  
MISTERTON'S goals against column moved into three figures (106) as they were thrashed by title contenders Shepton Beauchamp up at their Brimgrove Lane stronghold.

The goals were shared between Dan Peach, Aaron Sweet, Jon Spendlow, Pete Field, Sam Hodgkinson, Will Aplin, an OG and 16-year-old debutant Brad Pitman.

**S.PETHERTON 2 PERRY STREET 0**  
DARK horses South Petherton increased their own title claims as they moved up to third spot with a Rich Hebdtich inspired victory over current leaders Perry Street.

It was 0-0 at half-time but Hebdtich struck twice in a 10 minute spell either side of the hour mark.

Pethy ended the game with 10 men after Jody Bovey was shown a straight red-card for stamping by referee Simon Salter in the 65th minute.

## DIVISION ONE

**NETHERBURY 2 BARRINGTON 3**  
NETHERBURY started 2015 with a very entertaining game against the runaway Division One leaders of but feel they missed an opportunity to dent Barrington's impressive league record.

The opening 10 minutes were quite even, before Barrington winger Tom Perry capitalised on a deflection and volleyed the ball into the bottom corner from 10 yards.

The Ambers reacted well and put the visitors under pressure with John Kingston having a shot well saved. This pressure told when Kingston whipped in a corner and Karl Ives was on hand to prod the ball in from close range.

Barrington seemed quite subdued by this and Netherbury had the better of the game up until half time.

Netherbury took the lead with a swift counter attack just before the hour mark. Tom Franklin chipped a lovely ball down the wing to Mark Cuff who collected the ball neatly and crashed a left footed shot passed the keeper for 2-1.

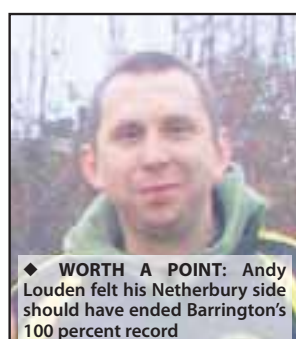
However, the Ambers failed to hold their slender lead and Barrington drew level when James Thompson netted from close range despite the home team complaints of a foul in the build-up.

The game was now quite evenly poised, but Barrington regained the lead with 20 minutes to go. A foul by Cuff resulted in a free-kick which Thompson managed to squeeze in off the bottom of the post from 25 yards.

To their credit Netherbury kept pushing for the equaliser, but Barrington keeper Mark Cullen made some smart saves and, at the other end also had their own gloveman Robin Hart to thank for several excellent saves when Barrington countered.

The Ambers did have a goal ruled out right at the death but ended the game with their six-match unbeaten league record smashed.

"I felt we missed a bit of an opportunity today and certainly deserved a point from the game."



◆ **WORTH A POINT:** Andy Loudon felt his Netherbury side should have ended Barrington's 100 percent record

All the players are disappointed as they sensed we could get a big result, but we now need to take this kind of performance forward to our next games" said Netherbury Manager Andy Loudon who picked out Franklin as his top performer but was also impressed by Dan Rendall on debut after his recent transfer from Charmouth.

## WINSHAM UTD 2 PYMORE 2

PYMORE's recent good run continued with an impressive point at promotion chasing Winsham United.

The south Somerset side salvaged a point with an 80th minute Shane Partridge goal, his second of the match, after a double from Adam Cody-Boucher had the visitors edging ahead at 2-1.

## DIVISION TWO

**CHARMOUTH 0 COMBE A 2**  
CHARMOUTH remain in the wrong half of the Division Two table after a defeat against lowly Combe in a game which saw both teams end the day with 10 men.

Dale Hutter chested the ball in from

close range to give Combe a 1-0 lead at the interval.

Charmouth looked the stronger side after the turnaround but their momentum was disrupted when Rob Clarke kicked out at centre-back Josh Manley and was dismissed by referee Mike Dobson.

The Robins felt the incident was retribution for a previous offence on Clark by Manley.

With time running out Alex Cunnold was then sent-off for a late lunge on Ali Harvey.

There was still time for Oli Hine to rob Charmouth keeper Marcus Bearpark in the last minute and seal the win for the visitors.

Crewkerne Rangers 0  
Waytown Hounds 4

DOUBLES from James Loveridge and Jon Legg helped Waytown Hounds move up into second spot in the Division Two table.

Loveridge put visitors ahead after Legg had been fouled but referee Chris Emmerson played a good advantage and Loveridge found the bottom corner.

Legg then made it 2-0 after being put through by Paul Watkins.

The Hounds had the wind at their backs and took advantage when Legg added a third before half time when he cut in from the right and beat the keeper at the near post.

The pick of the goals came early in the second half, Legg was harassing the Crewkerne back four chasing every ball and as he closed down the fullback, the ball fell to Loveridge who went round two defenders before cleverly playing the ball past the keeper and slotting it into the open goal.

Legg was then unlucky not to get his hat-trick when the keeper pulled off a double save to deny The Hounds Number 9.

Waytown boss Mark Hughes said: "It was another great team effort with centre backs Watkins and Tom Knott dealing well with very windy conditions, but Legg was named man of the match, after yet another fine display in which he took his recent tally to six in five matches."

## Drimpton 5 Beaminster Res 0

DEPLETED Beaminster Reserves, missing four regulars through illness and work commitment, put in a good shift against a Drimpton side that is destined to be back playing Division One football next season.

"We had a number of chances in the first-half but, despite playing some neat football were not a match for opponents that have several players of Premier Division standard," said Beaminster Manager Ian Butcher who picked out keeper Dave Persey and stand-in centre-back Kieran Hawkins as his top performers.

Terry Farrell (2), Paul Richards, Craig Lodge and Murray Legg - against his old club - netted for the hosts.

**RESULTS - January 10th**  
**DEVON & EXETER DIV THREE**  
Chagford 3 Exmouth Amateurs Res 1  
Clyst Valley Res a Axmouth Utd a (abandoned 29min)

Exmouth Town Res 2 Woodbury 0  
Henry's Cronies 6 Thorverton Res 0  
Lyme Regis p Pinhoe p  
Tedburn St Mary p Cheriton Fitz p

**SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QF**  
Crewkerne 4 W & M Chinnock 0  
(Played at W & M Chinnock)

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**  
**DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP R2**  
Thorncombe (D2) 4 Hinton (D4) 1



◆ **DOUBLE:** Terry Farrell struck twice in Drimpton's win over Beaminster Reserves.

Uplyme (D2) 0 Merriott Rov (D4) 2

**PREMIER**  
Beaminster 7 Ilminster Town Colts 0  
Combe Res 0 Lyme Regis Res 2  
Shepton Beauchamp 8 Misterton 0  
South Petherton 2 Perry Street 0

**DIVISION ONE**  
Farway Utd p Luso-Chard p  
Netherbury 2 Barrington 3  
Winsham Utd 2 Pymore 2  
**DIVISION TWO**  
Charmouth 0 Combe A 2  
Crewkerne Rangers 0 Waytown H 4  
Drimpton 5 Beaminster Res 0  
Ilminster Town A 0 Crewkerne Res 1

**DIVISION THREE**  
Chard Rangers 4 Merriott Dyn 2  
Chard Utd Res 3 Shepton Beau Res 1  
Dowlish & Don 2 S.Petherton Res 3  
Kingsbury Episc 2 Barrington Res 3  
Millwey Res 2 Thorncombe Res 6  
**DIVISION FOUR**  
Combe B 2 Drimpton Res 1  
Chard Utd AllStars 1 Farway Res 4

## FIXTURES - January 17th

(all 2pm ko unless stated)  
**SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE**  
Barrington v Pensford (1.45)

**PREMIER**  
Beaminster v Crewkerne Town  
Combe Res v South Petherton  
Ilminster Town Colts v Shepton Beau

**DIVISION ONE**  
Chard Utd v Luso-Chard  
Forton Rangers v Millwey Rise  
Lyme Regis Bantams v Farway Utd  
**DIVISION TWO**  
Combe A v Crewkerne Rangers  
Crewkerne Town Res v Charmouth  
Drimpton v Uplyme  
Thorncombe v Ilminster Town A  
Waytown Hounds v Beaminster Res

**DIVISION THREE**  
Dowlish & Donyatt v Chard Rangers  
Hawthchurch Utd v Thorncombe Res  
Merriott Dynamos v Chard Utd Res  
Millwey Rise Res v Kingsbury Episc  
Shepton Beau Res v Barrington Res

**DIVISION FOUR**  
Chard Utd AllStars v Hinton  
Crewk Rang Res v Farway Utd Res  
Uplyme Res v Merriott Rovers  
Winsham Res v Chard Rangers Res

## As they stand

Toolstation Prem Pld	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor Fm.....20	24	40
Melksham Town.....20	25	39
Slimbridge.....19	8	36
Brislington.....20	17	35
Bitton.....22	7	35
Willand Rovers.....17	15	34
Bradford Town.....20	3	34
BRIDPORT.....21	-6	31
Street.....24	0	31
Shepton Mallet.....20	-1	30
Odd Down.....20	7	29
Buckland Athletic.....17	9	27
Sherborne Town.....21	5	26
Gillingham Town.....21	-3	23
Cadbury Heath.....20	-14	22
Longwell Green.....22	-17	22
Hallen.....21	-12	21
Winterbourne Utd.....21	-21	20
Bishops Sutton.....22	-46	14

Dorset Premier Pld	GD	Pts
Merley Cobham.....21	37	53
PORTLAND UTD.....20	49	51
Hamworthy Rec.....18	45	46
Parley Sports.....21	26	45
WEYMOUTH RES.....20	21	39
Shaftesbury Town.....19	3	34
Mere Town.....21	9	32
Wareham Rangers.....19	5	32
Westland Sports.....19	-1	27
Sherborne Res.....20	-4	27
BRIDPORT RES.....19	-9	23
Swanage & Herst.....16	-1	21
Tintinhull.....21	-24	19
Blandford Utd.....22	-29	19
Crabonrie.....21	-38	14
Sturminster Marshall.....22	-34	13
Hamworthy Utd Res.....18	-21	12*
Poole Borough.....21	-34	10

D & E Div Three Pld	+/	Pts
Exmouth Tn Res.....16	38	36
LYME REGIS.....14	45	30
Henry's Cronies.....12	37	29
Woodbury.....13	12	26
Chagford.....15	14	25
Exeter Univ 5ths.....12	8	25
Clyst Valley Res.....16	-9	19
Cheriton Fitzp.....15	0	18
Tedburn St Mary.....10	-10	14
Axmouth Utd.....12	-5	13
Thorverton Res.....14	-26	12
Exmouth Amt Res.....17	-34	11
Axminster Res.....16	-38	10
Pinhoe.....16	-32	9

Premier Pld	+/	Pts
Perry Street.....13	22	28
Shepton Beau.....12	37	27
South Petherton.....12	30	25
Crewkerne Town.....8	30	24
W & M Chinnock.....10	20	21
BEAMINSTER.....12	30	18
Combe Res.....11	21	12
LYME REGIS RES.....13	-18	12
Misterton.....11	-93	3
Ilminster Colts.....12	-79	0

Division One Pld	+/	Pts
Barrington.....10	39	30
Millwey Rise.....11	21	25
Winsham Utd.....12	16	25
Forton Rangers.....11	9	18
NETHERBURY.....10	7	17
Chard Utd.....13	2	16
LYME BANTAMS.....11	-13	11
Luso-Chard.....11	-24	9
PYMORE.....11	-17	5
Farway Utd.....10	-40	3

Division Two Pld	+/	Pts
Drimpton.....11	37	29
WAYTOWN HNDs.....13	22	22
Thorncombe.....10	11	21
Crewk Rangers.....12	-6	17
UPLYME.....9	13	13
CHARMOUTH.....13	-9	13
Combe A.....12	-9	13
BEAMINSTER RES.....12	-3	11
Ilminster Town A.....11	-57	2*

Division Three Pld	+/	Pts
Chard Utd Res.....11	15	25
Barrington Res.....11	16	24
Kingsbury Episc.....11	16	21
S.Petherton Res.....13	-3	17
Hawthchurch Utd.....10	10	16
Thorncombe Res.....12	0	16
Chard Rangers.....10	-10	12
Dowlish & Don.....11	-7	11
Shepton Beau Res.....10	-12	10
Merriott Dynamos.....9	-4	9
Millwey Rise Res.....10	-21	5*

Division Four Pld	+/	Pts
Combe B.....11	29	28
Merriott Rovers.....9	51	27
Winsham Utd Res.....12	-1	18
Crewk Rangers Res.....17	16	16
UPLYME RES.....9	4	15
Hinton St George.....8	-1	11
DRIMPTON RES.....11	-10	9
Farway Utd Res.....11	-8	9
Chard Rangers Res.....9	-15	9
Chard Utd AllStars.....12	-53	4

\* = Pts deducted



◆ **ON TARGET:** Alex Rowe tapped in Lyme Reserves' opening goal at Combe Reserves.



# Lyme Regis Cribbage

**Results (Jan 5th):** Talbot Arms 1 Lamb Swans 4, Nags Head p Old Inn Kiln p, New Inn Kiln 3 Royal Oak 2, Beer Club p Cloakham Lawns p, Ship Inn 4 Gerrard Arms 1, Stepps 3 Axminster Con Club 2.

**Beer League:** Talbot Arms 2 Lamb Swans 1, Nags Head p Old Inn Kiln p, New Inn Kiln 1 Royal Oak, Charmouth 2, Beer Club p Cloakham Lawns p, Ship Inn 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Stepps 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

**Fixtures (January 19th):** Cloakham Lawns v Stepps, Gerrard Arms, Colyton v Beer Club, Lamb Swans v Ship Inn LR, Old Inn Kiln v Talbot Arms, Royal Oak, Charmouth v Nags Head, Axminster Con Club v New Inn Kiln.

Table - week 16	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kiln	16	50
Lamb Swans	16	44
Beer Club	14	42
Axminster Cons	16	41
Ship Inn LR	16	40
Nags Head LR	15	39
Royal Oak	15	39
Talbot Arms	16	36
Gerrard Arms	16	36
Stepps	16	36
Old Inn Kiln	15	34
Cloakham Lawns	15	28

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kiln	15	27
Ship Inn LR	16	27
Lamb Swans	16	26
Stepps	16	26
Talbot Arms	16	25
New Inn Kiln	16	24
Royal Oak	15	23
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Nags Head LR	15	21
Axminster Con	16	21
Cloakham Lawns	15	19
Beer Club	14	18

# Lyme Regis & Dist Darts

## Tight at the top

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	9	18
Nags Head A	9	17
Rockpoint	9	14
Janners	9	10
Nags Z	8	9
Royal Standard	7	8
Hunters Lodge	9	7
Talbot Arms	9	7
Four Play	9	6
Cobb Arms	9	4
George	9	4
Half an Octopus	8	0

**180s:** Mark Barnett x4, R.Cross, Wayne Doble and Terry Prowse all x2, Tom Bond, Chris Higgs, Nick Bown, Rob Coombe and Mark Docherty all x1.

# Hockey

## Beaminster win close encounter

**Beaminster Ladies 2 Salisbury 3rd 0**  
BEAMINSTER made it five wins on the trot as they came out on top in a hard-fought game against Salisbury 3rds to leapfrog them into fourth spot in Channel Division One. The hosts got just the start they needed returning after the Christmas break, when they took the lead after just two minutes against a side who were undefeated away from home so far this season. Hollie Clarke broke down the right and Phoebe Stewart met her cross to fire it firmly past the keeper. Jackie Gape almost double the ad-

vantage on six minutes but her shot following a mazy run was cleared off the line. However, Salisbury are a very capable side, and in midfield had two players who caused the home team problems with their tricky runs and good distribution, and the home defence had to be on their mettle. Following a good opening spell from Beaminster, Salisbury came close to equalising - first from a goalmouth melee that saw keeper Lisa Condliffe, back between the posts after a few weeks absence, showing she had not lost any of her skills when bravely getting down to

thwart a goalbound effort. Then soon after Julia May cleared a shot off the line to safety. Up front Beaminster were causing their opponents problems and created a number of chances before Gape added a second on 27 minutes. Her shot from a short corner was blocked by the keeper but from the resultant rebound she neatly beat her marker before firing home a strong drive into the far corner. The second half saw Salisbury come more into the game, with both sides making it a very entertaining match to watch. Pressure ebbed and flowed for a

while before the visitors began to pen Beaminster into their half, and only hard work all over the pitch closing down their opponents, and a superb smothering save from Condliffe midway, prevented Salisbury reducing the arrears. This was another great team performance from Beaminster with May and Tracey Smith's experience at the centre of defence invaluable against a good Salisbury side. **BEAMINSTER:** Lisa Condliffe, Julia May, Tracey Smith, Sarah Davies, Izzy Mullins, Jackie Gape, Genna Bunker, Megan Tuck, Phoebe Stewart, Hollie Clarke, Lydia Brooking.

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sherb 2nd	10	23
Bournemouth 3rd	10	18
B & SN 2nd	10	15
BEAMINSTER	11	15
Salisbury	10	13
Yeovil & Sherb 3rd	10	9
Salisbury 4th	10	9
Gillingham 2nd	9	9

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock	12	33
Isca C	12	24
WEST DORSET	12	20
Bude	12	20
Sidmth & Ottery C	12	19
USHC Plymouth	12	17
Camborne SoM	12	14

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B	10	30
WEST DORSET A	10	24
North Devon A	10	21
Chard A	10	15
Ashmoor A	9	14

# Rugby

## Great start as Bridport wallop Wimborne

**Bridport 50 Wimborne 3rd 0**  
BRIDPORT got the New Year off to a great start by thumping Wimborne 3rd's who languish at the foot of the table with two wins to their name this season. However the visitors might have been first off the mark with a penalty in a kickable position, but chose to tap and go. The attack was snuffed out by determined Bridport tackling which set the tone for an excellent defensive display from the hosts. Another positive feature of Bridport's game was the much improved handling and distribution from the threequarters, opening up Wimborne's defence and letting Ricky Stubbs drift through an enormous gap to score. William Everitt converted the try. Lee Burdett added another well worked try, again converted by Everitt, who then spun a long looped pass to give Stubbs for his second try, although he failed to add the conversion to leave Bridport leading 19-0 at the break. The second half started with an excellent break from Ewan Dommett making his debut for the senior side and playing with great confidence at No 8, and with the momentum all with Bridport, Bret Chant found himself on the end of another excellent move and was able to score out wide on the left. Donald Farmer missed the conversion. Bridport continued their scoring with Burdett adding to his tally with a storming run from the halfway line which Farmer converted, before Dommett set up Freddie Woolner for the next score, the latter missing the conversion. Farmer was proving to be a handful for

the opposition, and he provided the ball for Ricky Stubbs to record a hat-trick which Woolner converted. The Blues reached the half-century when Harry Richardson spun through several tackles to score for Woolner to add the two points. Wimborne didn't give up and enjoyed periods of pressure, but were no match for a resurgent Bridport who next week are at home to Salisbury 2nds next Saturday who will be a much tougher proposition. **Weymouth Colts 0 Bridport 50**  
AFTER an even start Bridport stepped up a gear after 15 minutes with some good scrums, lineouts and loose play. Tries came from Woolner, Cullen, Baldwin, Dommett, Perkin and a very enjoyable one from prop forward Seb Phillips who broke away and the outrun backs over 40 yards to reach the line. Bridport scored eight tries with five conversions by Woolner and Petchy. The game finished early as Weymouth ran out of players; they simply were not fit or tough enough to withstand the onslaught of attack after attack in the second half. **Swanage & Wareham U13 28 Bridport 29**  
IN a hard fought match Bridport opened the scoring with a wonderful solo run from Corbin Newman with the conversion sealed by man of the match Josh Craven. Swans hit back and took advantage of some lack lustre tackling to forge into a 21-12 half time lead after captain Eddie Gale



◆ **COMING THROUGH:** Bridport Colts had an easy victory over Weymouth. Sam Petchy is seen here making a break for for the line with great support from his colleagues.

had also sped in for a try to keep Bridport interested. The second half began badly for Bridport with Swans again securing a converted try; tackling again being the main reason. Although 28-12 down, it seemed to spur a Bridport revival, and Craven again working hard, scored under the posts and then converted his try. Henry Wyrill with help from Nathan Aplin pulled another one back after Swans fumbled on their line and then Wyrill capped a great display by picking up from a ruck and powering over in the corner from 15 metres to secure the win and his second try.

Found exchanged passes to put each over Found twice, before wing Archie Smith, weaved through a melee to break free and score an individual try for a 6-0 victory. In the second game, Swans rallied and scored first. However Found's captaincy held Bridport firm, and William Smith conjured up two tries out of nothing. Swans scored twice more, but Found, relishing the leadership, scored three tries, followed by Hansford-Harvey to give a second victory 6-3. Next week they meet Wimborne, and if all Bridport players tackle like Toby Gale, they may make a game of it.



◆ **MADE IT:** More match action from Bridport Colts 50-0 win at Weymouth Colts. **Photos by MARK PERKINS**

**Under 11s**  
AFTER the drubbing at the hands of Dorchester pre Christmas, a game against Swanage & Wareham was just what was needed to set the benchmark for the New Year. And what a standard Bridport set. In the first of two 20-minute games, they drove over, and quickly fed the ball away from ruck and maul to their speed merchants. There were no knock-on's; just silky handling; and all the backs went over for a try. James Clatworthy set the scoreboard ticking by taking a pass at pace and running half of the pitch to score, before Oliver Hansford-Harvey, who also tackled like a demon, flew along the touch line to score in the corner. Then the forwards weighed in. Captain Thomas Craven and vice-captain George

**Under 9s**  
BRIDPORT turned the tables on their visitors Swanage & Wareham who had beaten them comfortably when they last met. New recruit, Stanley Cooper, made an immediate impact, tackling fearlessly and forcing turnover ball. Barney Johnson, back to full health, also imposed himself with three tries. Dom Burdett showed his pace to score another and James Glanville also scored. Swans managed three in reply to give Bridport a deserved 5-3 win. In the second game tries came aplenty as tacklers tired. For Bridport Charles Edwards, later named player of the match, scored four splendid tries, with Glanville, Patrick May, Burdett and Johnson all adding one apiece. Swans responded with eight of their own to draw the game.



### U6 football in Bridport

BRIDPORT Football Club are launching a new under 6s team.

Training sessions will be held at Colfox School on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 7pm.

Please contact Martin Phillips (manager) on 07969 882496 for more details.

## Bridport Skittles

**CUP Fixtures**

**Cup Winners Cup - R2**  
Monday, January 19th  
Crazy Gang v Castouts (5)  
Brandy Snaps v Pinbashers  
Wednesday January 21st  
U Know the B v Lively Lads  
Thursday, January 22nd  
Shipfaced v Pioneers (15)  
Bangers v Alleycats (15)  
Yo Yo's (5) v Unknowns  
Wanderers v Mean Mac (10)  
Friday, January 23rd  
Originals v Bulldogs

**Knockout Cup - R3**  
Monday, January 19th  
Alleycats v Aussies Lot  
Tuesday, January 20th  
Bulldogs v Shipfaced  
Rejects v Yo Yo's  
Wednesday, January 21st  
Nelson Nob v Brandy Snaps  
Castouts v Groundhogs  
Thursday, January 22nd  
Rough Eight v Whisky Chas  
Lively Lads v Broadoak  
Friday, January 23rd  
Pioneers v Crazy Gang

**Losers Cup A & B - R2**  
Tuesday, January 20th  
Rockets v The Dingles  
Mean Machine v Dingbats  
Thursday, January 22nd  
7" Clock v Slingers  
Friday, January 23rd  
Miss the Ball v LHS

Division A	Pld	Pts
Rejects	9	14
Shipfaced	9	14
Wanderers	8	14
Masters	10	12
Rockets	10	12
Denhay	10	11
Outsiders	9	10
Rough Eight	10	8
Lively Lads	10	6
Slingers	10	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broadoak	10	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
U Know the Blokes	10	17
Dingbats	10	16
Originals	8	14
Nelson Nobblers	7	12
NBC	10	10
LHS	9	8
Bangers	8	7
7" Clock	10	6
Crazy Gang	10	6
Miss The Ball	10	6
Gerryatics	8	4
Mean Machine	10	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	10	18
Castouts	10	16
Bulldogs	10	14
Whiskey Chasers	9	13
Pioneers	10	12
Aussies Lot	10	8
Pinseekers	10	8
Staplepeodes	10	8
Alcoholics	9	6
Survivors	10	6
Unknowns	10	6
AFAR	10	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Yo Yo's	10	16
Groundhogs	8	14
Alleycats	10	12
Brandy Snaps	9	10
Hidden Talent	8	10
Offcuts	9	9
Featherbeds	9	8
Stinger	9	8
Bad Girls	10	7
Pinbashers	10	4
Tiger Lilies	10	4

**Highest individual League score:**  
A.Coombes (Outsiders) and F.Parsons (Originals) both 92.

## Bees news

# Four-goal Moores has a field day

**Bridport Reserves 0 Hamworthy Rec 4**  
STRIKER Jamie Moores scored all four goals as Hamworthy Rec maintained their challenge for the Dorset Premier League title.

It had looked like the dull and listless first half would end goalless when a minute before the break Moores latched on to a superb reverse pass from Max Willcox to blast his shot just inside Jamie Fry's right hand post.

The deadlock broken, he found the net three more times in the second half to earn his side an easy victory.

The game was devoid of any real goalmouth action until the 40th minute when the Bridport defence was forced to work hard to clear the ball, but Moores finally broke the duck four minutes later.

It looked like Bridport might get back in the game two minutes after the break when Chris Herbst crossed from the left and Kane Andrews was forced to head behind for a corner.

However Rec increased their lead on 51 minutes.

A cross from the right from Luke Dawes, who Bridport claim was two yards offside, was met by an unmarked Moores at the far post who headed home from close range.

Herbst was booked for disputing the goal and immediately substituted by Roger Cummings.

Hamworthy were now in command and were unlucky when first Dominic Allen's shot was deflected over the bar by Alan Hill, before Dan Peart was on hand to clear Ian Barlett's header from a corner off the line.

The Bees thought they had pulled a goal back on 73 minutes when Jack Scovell followed up to score after Ben Clarke had appeared to have been brought down in the penalty area. Not only was Scovell's goal ruled out, but Hamworthy awarded a free kick.

Hamworthy made sure of the points four minutes later when a raid down the left saw Allen sweep on the cross for Moores, once again unmarked on the right, to control the ball before firing his shot beyond Fry into the corner of the

net.

Cummings had a chance almost immediately to pull a goal back when Clarke pulled the ball back from the byeline, but the sub instead of hitting it first time tried to set the shot up and fired it high over the crossbar.

The game began to get scrappy after this with tempers beginning to fray, eventually resulting in a red card for Dawes ten minutes from time.

Peart, frustrated at the match situation and annoyed at overrunning the ball following a run, barged into the Rec defender.

The result of the collision was that Peart after going to ground suddenly grabbed his face as if it had been struck.

### Red card

Surrounded by protesting players from both sides, referee Paul Axon who had appeared over officious and inconsistent all afternoon, showed Dawes a red card, apparently for throwing mud at Peart in protest at his decision

to award in Bridport's favour.

The resulting free-kick from Ashley Walkey saw Rec keeper Andy Knight tested for the first time in the game, leaping to his left to turn the curling 25-yard shot away from the far post.

The travelling fans thought justice had been done a minute from time when Peart underhit his back pass, allowing Moore to capitalise and fire under Fry to complete the scoring.

Bees manager Robin Townsend, who changed the formation to a diamond style, had been pleased by his side's first half performance, but agreed that in the end Hamworthy were too good for them.

Townsend said: "I thought after the first ten minutes we started to grow into the game, and were slightly the better side, but their goal just on half-time was disappointing.

"We thought the second one just after the break however was well offside; the assistant was talking to our subs and not watching the game!"

## Wessex Point-to-Point

### Good starts for Barber and Biddick

HENLEY trainer Jack Barber and three-time National Champion jockey Will Biddick started the New Year in great fashion with a double at the first point-to-point meeting of the season at Larkhill last week where all the races were well contested with 112 of the 144 entries going to post.

They teamed up with a winning double starting with the first race of the day, the Larkhill Racing Club Members Conditions (Div 1) with 6/4fav Subtle Sovereign winning by three lengths.

The eight-year old raced alongside runner-up Kazuri Kate (Claire Hart) throughout, before asserting over the final three fences.

"He was my first winner as a trainer, last as a jockey and this is his third win here," smiled a clearly delighted Barber.

They followed this success with Benedictus (7/2) in the Mens Open, giving his new owners immediate success when benefiting from a vintage holdup ride to win by 6 lengths from Perfectly Willing (Mark Wall) and 6/4fav Quinz (Joe Hill) approaching the last.

"I sold him to Graham Cotton, Ray Barrow, Robert Trevanthen, Michael Twyford, Cyril Moate and John Irish, partly at my owners' day and partly before," revealed Jack. "It's too early to make plans - we'll just take it one race at a time."

The duo's hopes of a treble were dashed when Ask The Weatherman's renewed effort in the first Restricted was denied by Native Pride and jockey Max Kendrick, who had rerouted from Plumpton.

## Herbert triumphs on top in opening match

LYME Regis Sea Angling Club had its first Saturday league shore match of the New Year on Saturday.

Fishing took place from 6pm until 11pm; the anglers goal being the most number of different species, including mini species.

Despite the weather forecast the new shore secretary, Simon Lippett had a good turnout of anglers, with 16 members and one guest fishing.

Five beard rockling, shore rockling, pout, and whiting were all caught in numbers by most of the anglers, along with dogfish, bullhuss and flounder.

There were even a couple of bass caught which were unfortunately undersized and so were put straight back.

Despite the forecast, the wind dropped out and the sea had calmed right down just before the start of the match.

Most anglers fished around the Harbour walls, but a few fished from Monmouth beach, the main beach, and also from the new wall at the Eastern end of Lyme.

The winner with five species was Darren Herbert, with Josh Chestney (four) second and Ben Male also with four species in third.

The next fish will be the first of the Wednesday League matches on January 21st at Seaton where fishing for "the best single specimen" will take place from 6.30pm until 10.30pm.

New members are more than welcome, and if you would like to join up, please visit *The Tackle Box* and ask for an application form.

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## Lyme Golf

### Parfitt outshoots the rest on route to 66

IN the January medal, big-hitting Richard Parfitt's 10 pars and three birdies for a net 66 earned the Division One honours from Maurice De Pasquale's creditable net 68 with club vice-captain John Coley 3rd with a net 70.

Matt Rose had a steady round to win Division Two with a net 67 and Jeremy Linnert and Matthew Brotherton were both under par with a net 69, the former taking 2nd place.

Stuart Marples and Roy Bain were the trailblazers in Divisions One and Two of the seniors' January stableford each with a formidable 41 points.

Stuart, a keen walking footballer, showed a clean pair of heels to Stuart Briggs and John Toates who came 2nd and 3rd on countback, with 39 points in Division One.

Division Two was closer as Roy's margin of victory was by just one point from Dave Dallas and two from Bob Shepherd in 3rd.

## Bridport & District Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	11	18
Knapp Inn	11	16
Nomads	11	15
Robb Robbers	11	14
Hands of Time	11	12
Nags Head A	11	11
Outsiders	11	10
Rubber Johns	11	9
It's in the Middle	10	6
The Hitmen	11	3
One for the Vikings	11	3
180s leaders: Graham Knight & Tony Young both x4, seven players x3		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	10	20
Elders	10	14
Odds or Us	10	12
Dat Team	9	12
Poachers	10	10
Les Miserables	10	10
Royal Hawks	9	7
Anchor Vale Viewers	10	7
The Surgeons	10	3
Flashes Fives	10	3
180s leaders: Len Challis, P.Rowley, Robin Townsend & Andy Reid (all x2).		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters	10	15
Midnight Runners	10	12
Interbetweeners	10	12
Mis Fit	10	12
Time Bombs	9	11
Anchor Five	10	11
Odds & Sods	9	7
Tip Top Odds	10	7
Only Just	10	6
The Royal Nuts	10	5
180s leaders: Paul Bearpark & Andre Reynolds both x2.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
No Direction	10	16
Robbie's Rebels	9	16
Dodgers	10	13
Tiger Bees	10	13
Sorted Odds	10	9
Whamo	10	8
Con Artists	9	8
Money Shot Mafia	10	7
Mozzies Heroes	10	4
Red Arrows	10	4
180s leaders: Billy Hallett, Bob Rendell & Andy Page (all x1).		

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trip	13	24
Anchor Aces	13	19
Clocking In	12	16
Knight 'n' Gals	13	15
Queen Bees	13	12
Against the Odds	12	8
Queenies of the Club	13	4
Cliff Hangers	13	4
180s: Sarah Chick, Janet Collins & Sue Violet all x1.		

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Castaways	12	18
Tracey's Tarts	12	18
Next Door	11	13
Sue's Rebels	10	12
Anchor Aweigh	11	10
Wildcats	10	10
Good Mates	12	9
Tiger Stripes	12	7
Charlie's Angels	12	5
180s leaders: L.Sweet x1		

## Dorset Football League

# Second half brace keeps Islanders in title mix

**Dorset Premier League**  
**WAREHAM 0 PORTLAND UNITED 2**

THE Islanders returned from a tricky fixture in the Purbeck's with all three points in a close match settled by two goals in minutes early in the second half.

Lewis Clarke put them ahead on 49 minutes converting Ed Bastick's cross, before Carl Mutch doubled their lead immediately when he headed home from a corner. The win sees Portland in second place, just two points behind leaders Merley Cobham Sports with a game in hand. However, Hamworthy Recreation are well positioned in third.

They beat Bridport Reserves 4-0 and are seven points behind Merley but with three games in hand.

going down 5-3 at Gillingham Town Reserves, THE BALTI HOUSE moved back to top spot with a 3-1 victory over visitors Holt United with goals from Ricky Lane (2) and Grant Chance.

Jamie Samways scored the only goal of the game for Piddletrenthide Spartans at PORTLAND UNITED RESERVES to move up into the top four, but DORCHESTER SPORTS were beaten 3-1 at Blandford United Reserves.

### Division One

KIM Tinker's goal for Bere Regis was not enough to prevent visitors Stourpaine winning 2-1 to maintain top spot. Just behind are KANGAROOS who beat Shaftesbury Town Reserves 3-0 with goals from Richard Beasley, Ashley White and Taylor Quinton.

**Division Two**  
JACK Brow score both goals for CHICKERELL UNITED RESERVES in their 2-2 draw with Piddlehinton United.

**Division Three**  
LOWLY Sturminster Newton United Reserves caused the upset of the day by beating leaders Strickland United 2-1, which allowed Wool & Winfrith to close the gap to one point following their 5-2 victory over visitors PUDDLETOWN.

PORTLAND TOWN RESERVES moved up into fourth place after their 4-2 success at Handley Sports with goals from Alex Counter, Robert Darch, Matthew Greening and Antony Morris.

### Division Four

PORTLAND UNITED YOUTH maintained their unbeaten record with a 2-1win

over visitors Overmoigne with a brace from Robert Maxsted whilst Chris Nelson netted for the visitors.

Goals from Matthew Dear and Ben Murphy were not enough to save UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB OF POUNDBURY from defeat against visitors South Cheriton United Reserves.

The bottom two clubs KANGAROOS RESERVES and Corfe Mullen United Reserves fought out a 2-2 draw with William Turland getting both for the Kangaroos, and Michael Fleetham and Seb Moore replying for Corfe Mullen.

### Division Five

BOTTOM side PORTLAND TOWN B were beaten 6-1 at home by league leaders Marnhull.



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## INSIDE: Waytown Hounds up into promotion place Bees ride their luck to claim derby double

### Sherborne Town 1 Bridport 2

*Toolstation Premier* – att; 96  
BRIDPORT rode their luck a bit when claiming a double over North Dorset rivals Sherborne Town at Raleigh Park last Saturday.

Although Bees manager Trevor Senior described the result as a bit of a “smash and grab”, he added it had made a change for his side to be fortunate.

“I think if I was them I would feel a little disappointed not to have got something out of the game.

“But as I have said before referee’s decisions and your luck generally tends to even out over the course of the season, and there have been games where we didn’t get anything when we deserved to.

“Yesterday we battled better than we have done over the last couple of games which was pleasing, but as a spectacle it wasn’t a great game of football and the pitch was a bit awkward to play on with a wet top surface and fairly firm underneath.”

The pitch didn’t help the flow of the game with very few extended passing movements particularly in the first half, with both sides forced to rely more on long balls to get the ball forward.

Bridport had an early penalty appeal turned down for handball, before Steve Friend fired a couple of shot wide at the

other end.

Then only a superb late tackle from Zebra’s Hayden Hodges prevented Chris Clarke a chance at goal after being put through.

Sherborne had their own luck however on 32 minutes when a badly miscued shot at goal bisected two Bridport defenders to find Marc Caines in space. He controlled the ball before beating Ashley Weeks with an excellent finish.

Senior said: “The guy completed miskicked and sent the ball in the opposite direction to that expected and caught everybody unaware, but the lad finished well.”

Sherborne had a great chance to increase their lead immediately from the restart but Bees captain Ryan Hatyer stopped Caines with a superb last ditch tackle.

Then Weeks produced a wonderful save from Matt Day tipping his shot onto the crossbar.

Bridport picked their game up after this and in the 53rd minute Jamie Symes managed to stay upright following a run down the left hand side of the penalty box when he could easily have gone down after being tugged back.

However, slightly unbalanced, his shot hit the side netting as he was falling away.

A minute later he made another run in the box, this time challenging and winning the ball off Caines who took Symes out despite running away from

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goal to concede a penalty.

Caines was booked, and although Zebras keeper Jamie Beale guessed the right direction and got a hand to Dan Wise’s spot kick but couldn’t stop him equalising.

Bridport continued to hold sway for a while after this, but Weeks was forced into another brilliant save when Sam Jarman broke through.

He had advanced to the penalty spot when Jarman let fly, but the former Portland United keeper managed to get a firm hand on the ball and turn it on to the crossbar after which, following a goalmouth melee the ball was cleared.

Lifted by this Sherborne stepped up a gear, and were denied the lead on 72 minutes by some great work from Chris Senior.

Whilst Weeks had managed to get a hand on Sam Farthing’s header, it was not enough to stop it rolling towards goal. But Senior managed to reach it and, despite being sat on the ground, prevented Sherborne’s attempts to kick the ball from between his feet by cleverly transferring it from one foot to the other until it luckily came loose and popped up into Weeks’ hands!

Soon after Caines frustration got the better of him when he went in on Weeks after the

keeper had already collected a through ball, and was immediately shown a second yellow card and as a result sent off.

Despite being a player short it was Sherborne that continued to look most dangerous and Weeks was required to make another good save from Day, before Bridport grabbed the winner in the 84th minute.

Jamie Filkins got a glancing header to Wise’s free kick but it looked like a routine save for Beale down by his left hand

post but somehow he inexplicably let the ball slip through his fingers and into the net to give Bridport the lead.

Bridport were denied a second penalty in the closing minutes when sub Matt Morley, again running away from goal, was caught from behind, but the flying left winger over exaggerated his fall and instead the ref booked him for simulation.

Farthing might have equalised in the last minute of

normal time but blazed George Mapletoft’s long throw over the bar from near the penalty spot.

Senior added “It was a good three points and it could have gone either way, but it was our day this time.”

### Moving on up

The win completes a league double for the Bees which sees them rise to eighth in the Premier League, although they were beaten by Sherborne at St Mary’s Field in the Dorset Senior Cup back in October.

## Rugby Club hit half-century



◆ **CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:** Bridport’s Harry Richardson is about to go over for Bridport’s last try in Saturday’s 50-0 win over Wimborne 3rds, report inside on page 46.

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